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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

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As the subject of Scottish Music and Poetry has been most ably treated by Dr. Charles Mackay in Vol. I. of Songs of Scotland, I will limit myself in this second volume to noticing any point of interest or peculiarity in connection with each separate song, dealing with them in alphabetical order.

A COUNTRY LASS (p. 1).—Four verses are omitted; partly on account of their bluntness, and partly because the song is already too long.

ADIEU, DUNDEE! (p. 2).—In the Skene MSS. the air appears in tablature, and was translated by Mr. Dauney. It is probably older than the 16th century. The words are modern.

AR NICHT I' THE GLOAMING (p. 4).—A beautiful elegy by the Ettrick Shepherd, James Hogg, in memory of the immortal Burns.

ALAS! THAT I CAM' O'ER THE MUIR (p. 6).—The air is very old, and a form of it appears in the Skene MSS., with the two first lines of the old song, "Alace! that I came o'er the moor," &c. The rest of the song as printed here, is modern.

AN THOU WERT MY AIN THING (p. 8).—Attributed by John Stafford Smith to Henry Purcell, but as the latter was not born until 1658, and the melody appears in a crude form in the MS. notebook of Gordon of Straloch, dated 1627, under the title "An thou wer myn own thing," that disproves it. The second half of the air was added later on in the 17th century.

A ROSEBUD BY MY EARLY WALK (p. 11).—The "Jeanie" of this song was a Miss Cruickshanks, daughter of a master in Edinburgh High School, at whose house Burns lodged for some time.

ARGYLE IS MY NAME (p. 12).—These words are a modified form of older words attributed to John, Marquis of Argyle and Greenwich, who died in 1743.

A SOUTHLAND JENNY (p. 14).—Burns says that this melody (and many others in Johnson's Scots' Museum) was first written down from Mrs. Burns singing it.

AT POLWART ON THE GREEN (p. 15).—The air, with this title, appeared in Mrs. Crocket's book, 1709, and was used by Gay in his opera of "Polly." It certainly has an English character about it. The first four lines of verse 1 are earlier than Ramsay. There is a third verse, but it is not presentable.

AT WILLIE'S WEDDING ON THE GREEN (p. 16).—The tune was composed by Rev. Mr. Gardner, an Aberdeenshire minister; a tune very similar to it appeared in Thomson's "Orpheus Caledonius," published in London 1733, entitled "Jenny beguiled the Webster."

AULD KING COUL (p. 18).—A very old Scotch version of the well-known song, differing in both tune and words from the English one.

AWAY, YE GAY LANDSCAPES (p. 20).—Lord Byron says, "Near Lachin y Gair (pronounced in the Erse, Loch na Garr) I spent some of the early part of my life, the recollection of which has given birth to these stanzas."

Baloo, MY Boy (p. 22).—The characters in the ballad are Lady Anne Bethwell, daughter of the Bishop of Orkney, and her cousin Col. Alexander Erskine, son of the Earl of Mar, who was killed in 1640. Only the first verse of the old ballad is presentable.

Bessie Bell and Mary Gray (p. 30).—Pennant states, "Bessie Bell and Mary Gray died in 1645 of the plague, communicated by a gentleman who was their mutual admirer." The version we print is, excepting verse 1, by Ramsay; the old ballad, the first stanza of which is included in Ramsay's version, recounts the sad fate of the two girls, thus:

They theekit it ower wi'rashes green,
They theekit it ower wi' heather;
But the pest came from the burrows-town,
And slew them baith thegither.
They thocht to lie in Methven kirk
Amang their noble kin;
But they maun lie in Lynedoch Brae
To beek fornent the sun.

The tune was introduced by Gay into the "Beggar's Opera" in 1728.

Donald (p. 44).—Some doubt has been expressed as to whether this charming air is Scotch, or the production of some English musician of the time of Shield. The earlier version of the words, as printed in the "Orpheus Caledonius," has been slightly altered by R. A. Smith in his "Scottish Minstrel," and these we have selected.

FAREWELL, THOU STREAM (p. 52).—The tune, originally set to "There Nancy's to the greenwood gone," was introduced by Gay into his Opera "Achilles," performed at Covent Garden, 1733.

HAME, HAME! (p. 64).—This pathetic Jacobite song is quoted in "The Fortunes of Nigel," and Richie Moniplies is made to sing part of it.

How sweet this lone Vale (p. 70).—The Hon. Andrew Erskine, brother of the Earl of Kellie, is alluded to in Burney's "History of Music," as being one of the cleverest violinists and composers of his day. He was the first Scotchman to compose orchestral overtures. He, unfortunately, gambled, and lost so heavily, that in 1793 he drowned himself in the Firth of Forth.

HUGHIE GRAHAM (p. 72).—Burns has either altered or added four of the stanzas of this ballad, popular in Ayrshire in his day. He improved Nos. 9 and 10, and added Nos. 3 and 8 from his own pen.

I DREAMED I LAY WHERE FLOWERS WERE SPRINGING (p. 75).—Burns wrote this poem when seventeen years old. The tune is scarcely Scotch in character; some editions make the fourth note (A) commence the bar.

I'LL BID MY HEART BE STILL (p. 78).—The air bears a strong resemblance to the old English tune, "The Willow Tree," in Chappell's collection.

I'LL HA'E MY COAT O' GUDE SNUFFBROWN (p. 79).—The first phrases of the melody are strikingly similar to the English air, "The Roast Beef of Old England."

It's UP WI' THE SOUTERS O' SELKIRK (p. 85).—The name of "Sowter" was applied to the Burgesses of Selkirk, from the curious custom observed on admission to the freedom of the city. Hog bristles were attached to the seal of his burgess-ticket, these he had to dip in wine and pass between his lips, in token of allegiance to the brotherhood.

KEEN BLAWS THE WIND O'ER DONOCHT-HEAD (p. 90).—The words (with the exception of the last twelve lines) are by Geo. Pickering of Newcastle. Burns, writing in 1794, to Thomson, says, "Donocht-Head is not mine; I would give £10 if it were. It appeared first in the Edinburgh Herald and came to the Editor of that paper with the Newcastle postmark on it."

McPherson's Farewell (p. 100).—"McPherson's Lament," says Sir Walter Scott, "was a well-known song many years before the Ayrshire Bard wrote these additional verses which constitute its principal merit. This noted freebooter was executed at Inverness about the beginning of the last century. When he came to the fatal tree he played the tune to which he has bequeathed his name upon a favourite violin, and holding up the instrument he offered it to anyone of his clan who would undertake to play the tune at the lyke-wake. As none answered, he dashed it to pieces on the executioner's head and flung himself from the ladder."

OH, GIN I WERE WHERE GADIE RINS (p. 112).—John Imlah, an Aberdeenshire man, was for some years tuner and traveller for Messrs. Broadwood & Sons. He published two volumes of poems and songs. The old air has long been popular in the Mar district.

OH, KENMURE'S ON AND AWA', WILLIE (p. 114).—The hero of this ballad was Viscount Kenmure, leader of the Chevalier's forces, 1715. He advanced as far south as Preston in Lancashire, was there taken prisoner and marched to London. In 1716 he was tried and beheaded on Tower Hill.

OH, WAE UPON THAT FEARFU' DEED (p. 120).—This lament alludes to the cowardly massacre of Glencoe.

OH, WERE I ON PARNASSUS HILL (p. 122).—The tune was composed by Oswald and the song written by Burns in his wife's (Jean Armour's) honour, shortly after their marriage and his possession of the Elliesland farm on the banks of the Nith.

O LASSIE, ART THOU SLEEPING YET? (p. 126).— The tune here used is a more modern version of a very old melody, a copy of which Mr. E. F. Graham possesses, written in square-shaped notes, in an old MS. for the Virginals.

ON CESSNOCK BANKS (p. 130).—The subject of this song was Ellison Begbie, an early love of the poet's. The tune has been united to other words by Burns, "The cardin' o't." We use the improved or later version of "On Cessnock Banks," omitting five verses.

Peggie, now the King's come (p. 137).—Ramsay, noting the great success of Gay's "Beggar's Opera," added songs to his "Gentle Shepherd," and this was one sung by Manse in that play.

QUEEN MARY'S FAREWELL TO ALLOA (p. 138).—We have transposed part of the air an octave on account of the extremely high compass.

ROBIN TAMSON'S SMIDDY (p. 147).—This tune her also been used for a ballad, entitled "The Taylor."

ROMANTIC ESK! (p. 148).—The air "Fy, gar rub her o'er wi' strae" is very old, dating from the 16th century. It was adapted as an English song in the last century, so great a favourite was it, and Gay introduced it in his Opera of "Achilles."

SAE FAR AWA' (p. 150).—We have lowered a portion of the second strain an octave; it is impossible, otherwise, to sing it.

SINCE ALL THY VOWS, FALSE MAID (p. 153).—About the end of the 16th century the Chisholms owned the estate of Cromlecks, and the heir became deeply attached to the daughter of Stirling of Ardoch, known as "Fair Helen of Ardoch." Chisholm, being called abroad to the war, entrusted his letters for Helen to a lay brother of Dumblane Monastery. The latter, himself in love with Helen, misrepresented Chisholm's conduct and suppressed his letters to Helen, and gave false accounts of Helen's conduct to Chisholm. Having destroyed the mutual confidence of the lovers, he persecuted Helen into marrying him. But, after the service, her compliance ended, Chisholm shortly returned, and discovered the base treachery of his soi-disant friend; the marriage was annulled, and fair Helen became the wife of her lover, Chisholm. In 1673 the tune was selected by Rev. William Geddes for one of his hymns!

THE DAY RETURNS (p. 171).—This song was written by Burns as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riddell of Glenriddel, to whose kindness and hospitality, he says, he was indebted for many of the happiest hours of his life. Mr. Riddell himself composed the tune, and named it after the date of their wedding day.

Todlen hame (p. 193).—Burns notes that this is, perhaps, the first "bottle-song" ever composed. It has also, for ages, been a favourite folksong in Gloucestershire, transposed, of course, into the broad dialect of that county.

Thou bonnie Wood of Craigielea (p. 196).—All the terribly unpicturesque accessories of modern civilization, including a large gasworks, disfigure the scenery which is here so charmingly described, and which lies to the north-west of Paisley.

Thou dark-winding Carron (p. 198).—This song refers to the Battle of Falkirk, in the year 1298, when Wallace, partly by the treachery of two Scotch nobles, partly by the superior strength of the English forces, was completely defeated by King Edward I. The air was composed by John M'Donald, a fashionable teacher of dancing in Dundee.

We'll meet beside the Dusky Glen (p. 202).—This tune is another version of "The Brier Bush," recovered by R. A. Smith; the older version was published 1798.

WHEN MERRY HEARTS WERE GAY (p. 203).—Written by Hector Macneil to commemorate the death of Captain Stewart, a gallant officer (betrothed to a young lady in Athole) who fell at the battle of Saratoga in 1777. The tune is a fine old Gaelic air.

WHEN MAGGIE AND I WAS ACQUAINT (p. 204).—The words usually associated with "Tweedside" are those by Crawford, produced in Ramsay's "Tea Table Miscellany;" but the original setting is supposed to be that by Lord Yester. We print both.

WHEN PHEBUS BRIGHT (p. 206).—Both the old ballad and its tune are supposed to be the composition of a Border Minstrel named Burn, who flourished early in the seventeenth century.

WITH BROKEN WORDS (p. 208).—A fragmentary form of this beautiful air is in the Skene MS. It is there called "To Dance about the Balzeis Dubb." Ramsay wrote another setting, beside the one we publish, beginning "Speak on, speak thus, and still my grief." This he introduced, as he did "Peggie, now the king's come" and others, into his play, "The Gentle Shepherd."

Young Peggie blooms our bonniest lass (p. 211).—The tune has been erroneously attributed to Henry Purcell, but it is doubtless much older than his period.

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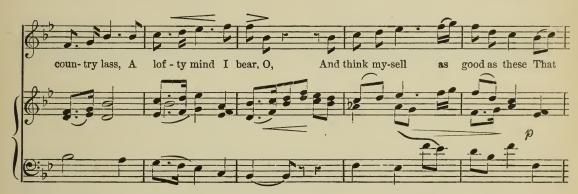
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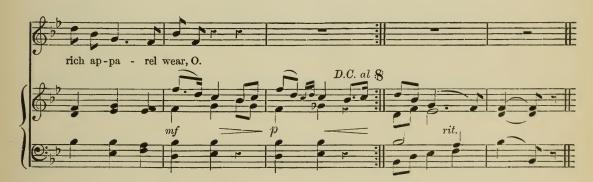
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A Country Lass.







Altho' my gown be hame-spun grey, My skin it is as soft, O, As them that sattin weeds do wear, And carry their heads aloft, O.

What tho' I keep my father's sheep, The thing that must be done, O; With garlands of the finest flowers, To shade me from the sun, O.

When they are feeding pleasantly
Where grass and flowers do spring, O,
Then on a flowery bank, at noon,
I set me down and sing, O.

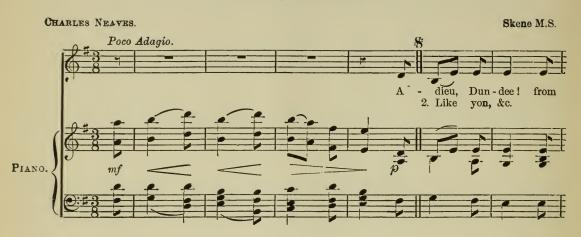
Altho' my parents cannot raise Great bags of shining gold, O; Like them whose daughters now-a-days, Like swine, are bought and sold, O.

Yet my fair body it shall keep
An honest heart within, O,
And for twice fifty thousand crowns
I value not a pin, O.

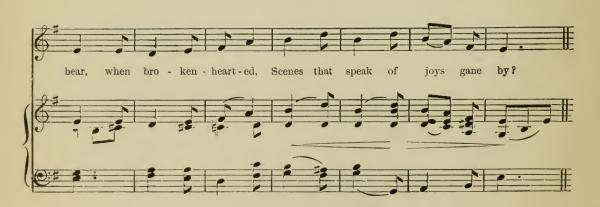
If canny Fortune give to me
The man I dearly love, O,
Tho' we want gear, I dinna care,
My hands I can improve, O.

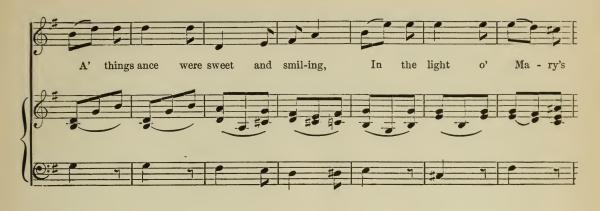
Expecting for a blessing still,
Descending from above, O;
Then we'll embrace and sweetly kiss,
Repeating tales of love, O.

Adieu, Dundee!







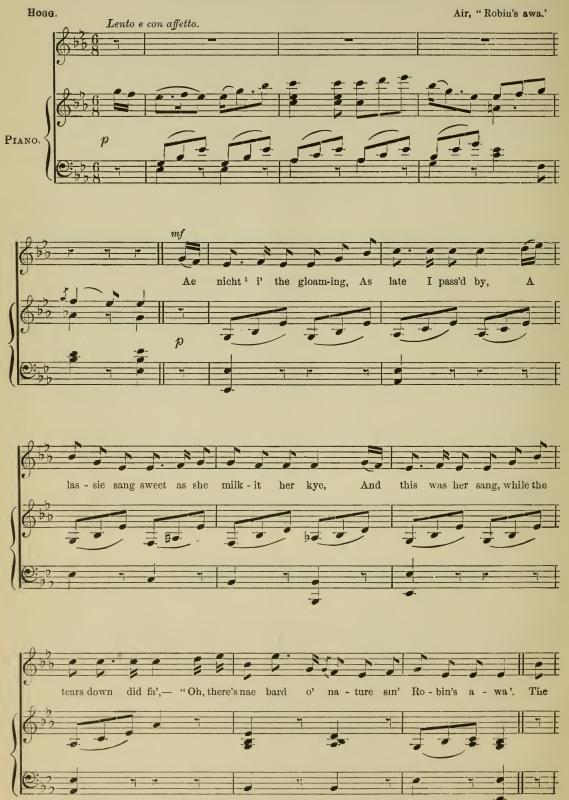






Like yon water saftly gliding,
When the winds are laid to sleep;
Such my life, when I, confiding,
Gave to her my heart to keep!
Like yon water wildly rushing,
When the north wind stirs the sea:
Such the change my heart now crushing,
Love adieu! adieu, Dundee!

Ae Nicht i' the Gloaming.



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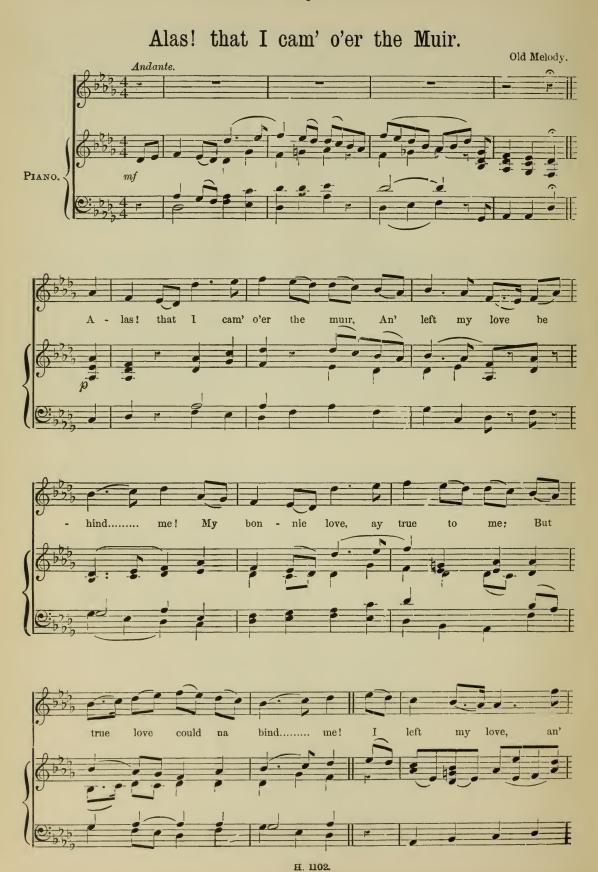




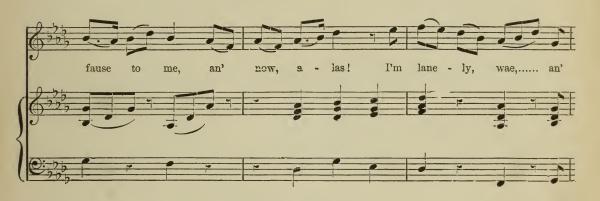


- "'Twas he that could charm wi'the wauff o' his tongue. Could rouse up the auld, and enliven the young, An' cheer the blithe hearts in the cot and the ha',—Oh, there's nae bard o' nature sin' Robin's awa'! Nae sangster amang us has half o' his art, There was nae fonder lover, an' nae kinder heart; Then wae to the wight wha wad wince at a flaw, To tarnish the honours of him that's awa'!"
- "If he had some fauts, I could never them see,
 They're nae to be sung by sic gilpics as me,
 He likit us weel, an' we likit him a',—
 Oh, there's nae siccan callan sin' Robin's awa'!
 Whene'er I sing late at the milkin' my kye,
 I look up to heaven, an' say with a sigh,
 Although he's now gane, he was king o' them a',—
 Ah! there's nae bard o' nature sin' Robin's awa'!"

⁻ One evening. ² Hoydens. ³ Such a lad.









Oh, warldly gear! how many vows,
How many hearts ye've broken!
The want o' you, the wish to hae,
Leave room for nae love-token!
Yon blythesome lark that 'boon' his nest
His hymn of love is singin',
Nae worldly thocht has he; the lift'
Is but wi' true love ringin'.

O had I but my true love ta'en, My bonnie love, tho' puir; This day I wadna sae lament That I cam' o'er the muir! I now maun dree⁵ the rate of them Wha'd sell their love for gain; Maun tine⁶ true love for dreams o' gowd, An' live an' dee alane!

Timorous, affrighted

² Wealth.

3 Above.

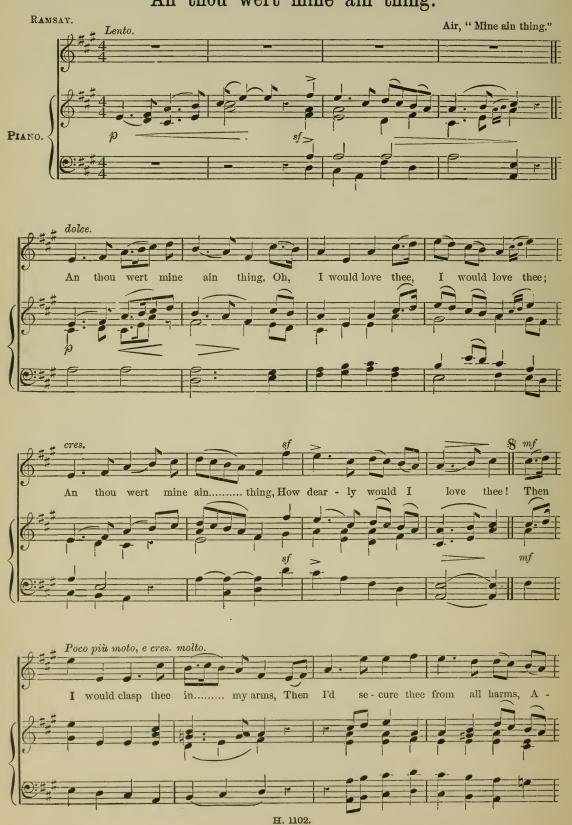
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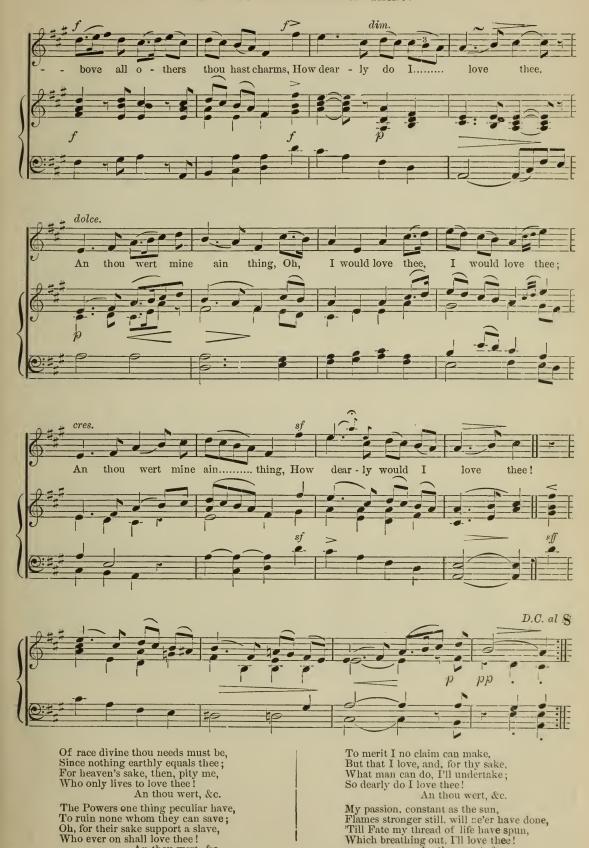
6 Suffer, endure.

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An thou wert mine ain thing.



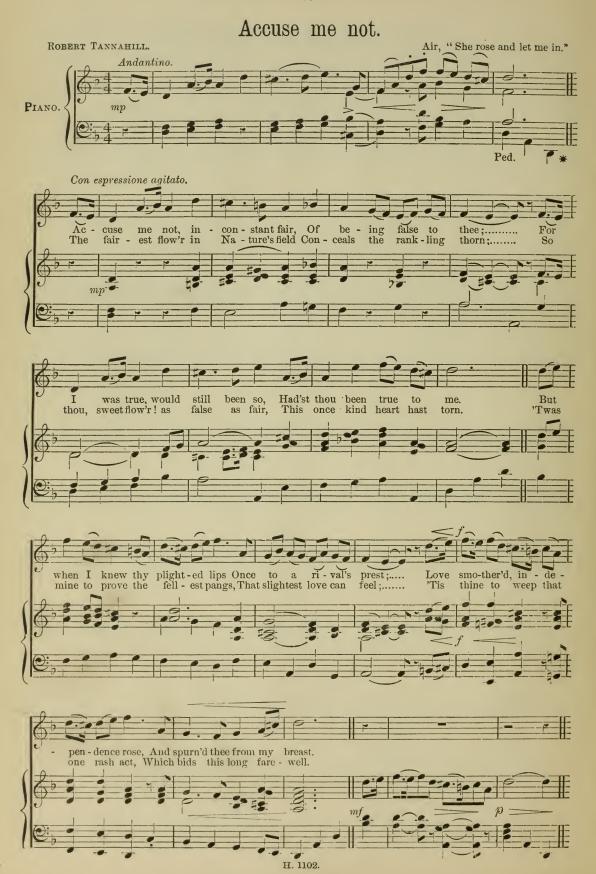


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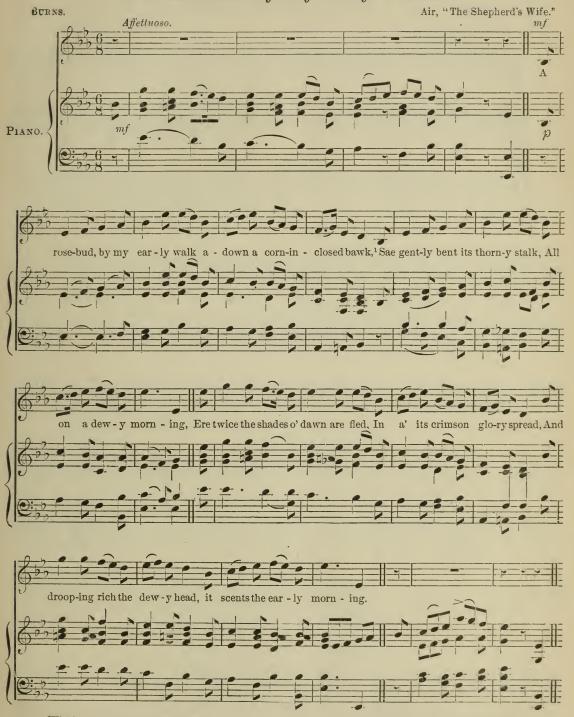
An thou wert, &c.

Oh, for their sake support a slave, Who ever on shall love thee!

An thou wert, &c.



A Rosebud by my early Walk.

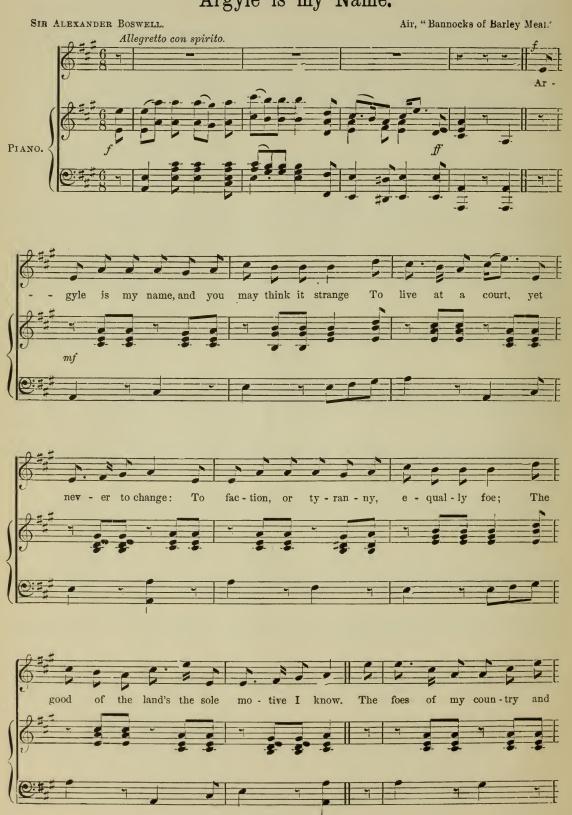


Within the bush, her covert nest,
A little linnet fondly prest,
The dew sat chilly on her breast
Sae early in the morning.
She soon shall see her tender brood,
The pride, the pleasure o' the wood,
Amang the fresh green leaves bedew'd,
Awake the early morning.

So thou, dear bird, young Jeanie fair!
On trembling string, or vocal air.
Shall sweetly pay the tender care
That tends thy early morning.
So thou, sweet rosebud, young and gay,
Shalt beauteous blaze upon the day,
And bless the parent's evening ray
That watch'd thy early morning.

A strip of land left unploughed.

Argyle is my Name.



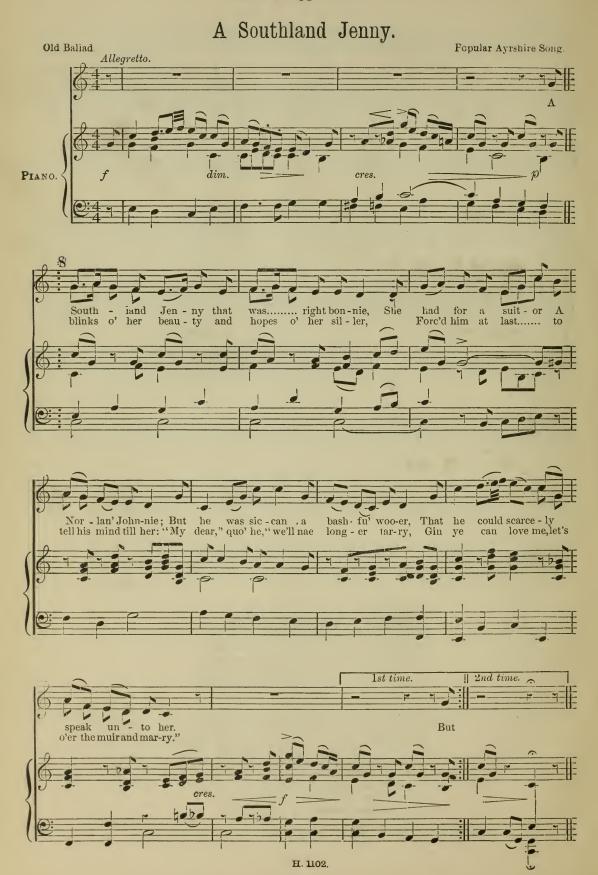
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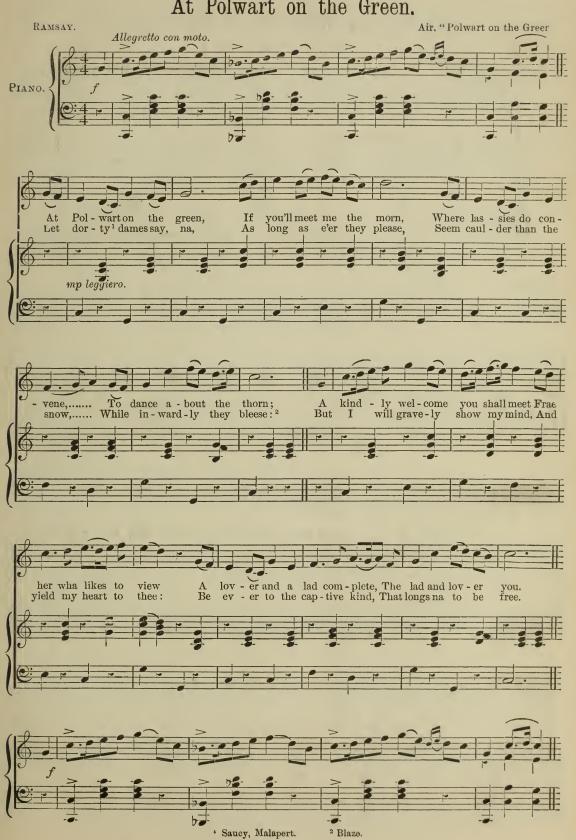
Ye riots and revels of London, adieu!
And Folly, ye foplings, I leave her to you!
For Scotland I mingled in bustle and strife—
For myself I seek peace and an innocent life
I'll haste to the Highlands, and visit each scene
With Maggie, my love, in her rocklay¹ o' green;
On the banks o' Glenaray what pleasure I'll feel,
While she shares my bannock o' barley-meal!

And if it chance Maggie should bring me a son, He shall fight for his king as his father hath done; I'll hang up my sword with an old soldier's pride—Oh, may he be worthy to wear't on his side! I pant for the breeze of my loved native place, I long for the smile of each welcoming face—I'll off to the Highlands as fast's I can reel, And feast upon bannocks o' barley meal.

¹ A short cloak.

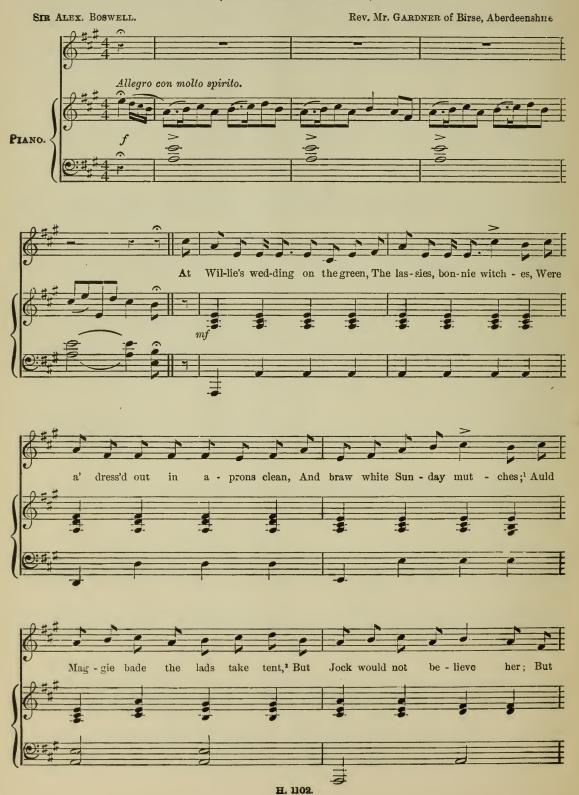


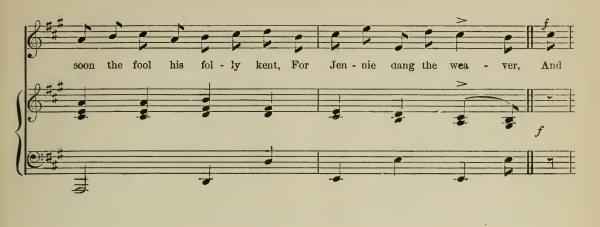
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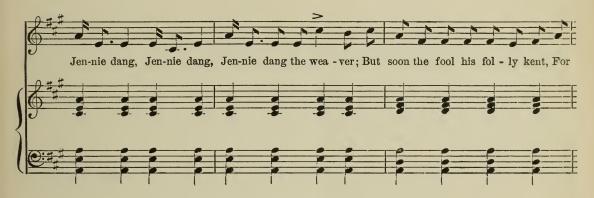


At Willie's Wedding on the Green.

(JENNY DANG THE WEAVER.)









At ilka country dance or reel,
Wi' her he would be bobbin';
When she sat down—he sat down,
And to her would be gabbin';
Where'er she gaed, baith but and ben,³
The coof⁴ would never leave her;
Aye kecklin' like a clockin' hen,
But Jennie dang the weaver.

And Jennie dang, Jennie dang, Jennie dang the weaver; Aye kecklin' like a clockin' hen, But Jennie dang the weaver. Quo' he, "My lass, to speak my mind,
In troth I need na swither;
You've bonnie een, and if you're kind,
I'll never seek another."
He humm'd and haw'd, the lass cried, "Peugh!"
And bade the coof no deave her; byne snapt her fingers, lap and leugh, And dang the silly weaver.

And Jennie dang, Jennie dang, Jennie dang the weaver; Syne snapt her fingers, lap and leugh, And dang the silly weaver.

¹ Head-dress for females.

² To take care or be on one's guard.

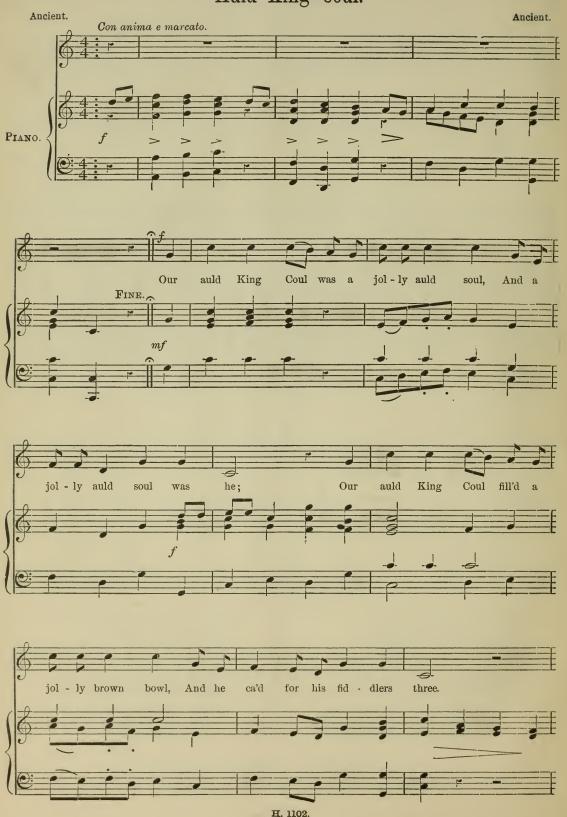
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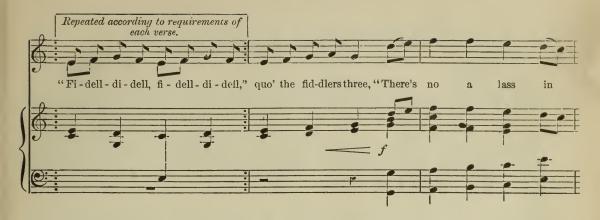
Simpleton.

Deafen

Leaped and laughed.

Auld King Coul.







Our auld King Coul was a jolly auld soul,
And a jolly auld soul was he.
Our auld King Coul filled a jolly brown bowl,
And he ca'd for his pipers three.
"Fidell didell, fidell didell; Ha didell, ho didell;" quo' the pipers three,
"There's no a lass in a' Scotland, like our sweet Marjorie!"

Our auld King Coul was a jolly auld soul, And a jolly auld soul was he. Our auld King Coul filled a jolly brown bowl, And he ca'd for his harpers three.

"Fidell didell, fidell didell; Ha didell, ho didell; Twingle twangle, twingle twangle;" quo' the harpers three, "There's no a lass in a' Scotland, like our sweet Marjorie!"

Our auld King Coul was a jolly auld soul, And a jolly auld soul was he. Our auld King Coul filled a jolly brown bowl, And he ca'd for his trumpeters three.

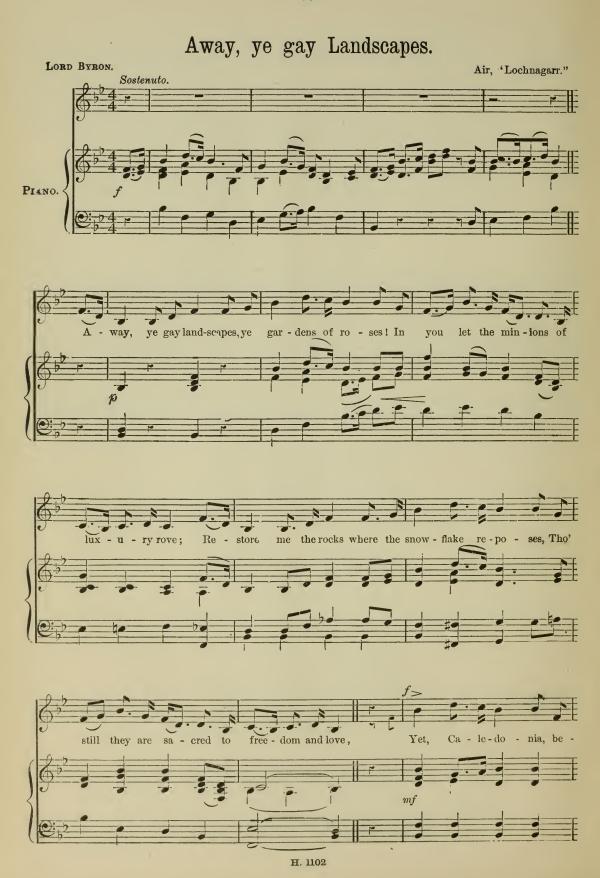
"Fidell didell, fidell didell; Ha didell, ho didell; Twingle twangle, twingle twangle; Twararang, twararang; quo' the trump'ters three,

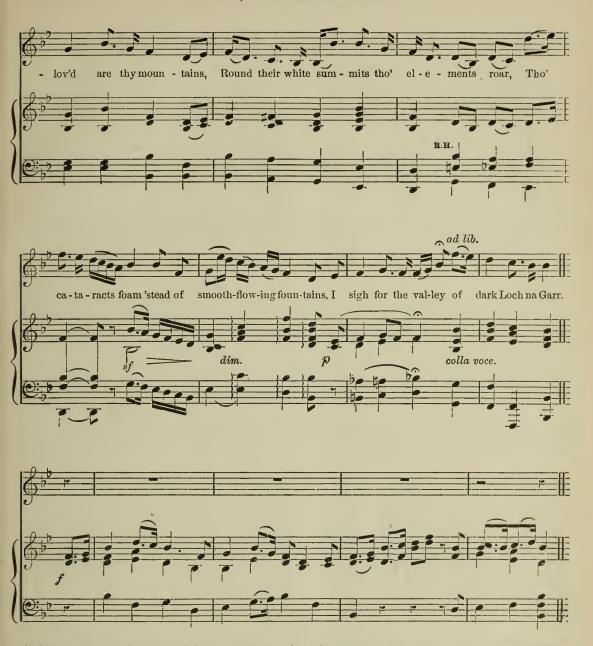
"There's no a lass in a' Scotland, like our sweet Marjorie!"

Our auld King Coul was a jolly auld soul,
And a jolly auld soul was he.
Our auld King Coul filled a jolly brown bowl,
And he ca'd for his drummers three.

*Fidell didell, fidell didell: Ha didell, ho didell; Twingle twangle, twingle twangle; Twararang, twararang;
Rub a dub, rub a dub; " quo' the drummers three,

"There's no a lass in a' Scotland, like our sweet Marjorie!"





Ah! there my young footsteps in infancy wander'd;
My cap was the bonnet, my cloak was the plaid;*
On chieftains long perish d my memory ponder'd,
As daily I strode through the pine-cover'd glade;
I sought not my home till the day's dying glory
Gave place to the rays of the bright poiar star;
For fancy was cheer'd by traditional story,
Disclosed by the natives of dark Loch na Garr.

"Shades of the dead! have I not heard your voices
Rise on the night-rolling breath of the gale?"
Surely the soul of the hero rejoices,

And rides on the wind, o'er his own Highland vale.
Round Loch na Garr while the stormy mist gathers,
Winter presides in his cold icy car:

Clouds there encircle the forms of my fathers;
They dwell in the tempests of dark Loch na Garr.

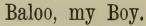
"Ill-starred, though brave, did no visions foreboding Tell you that fate had forsaken your cause?" Ah! were you destined to die at Culloden,

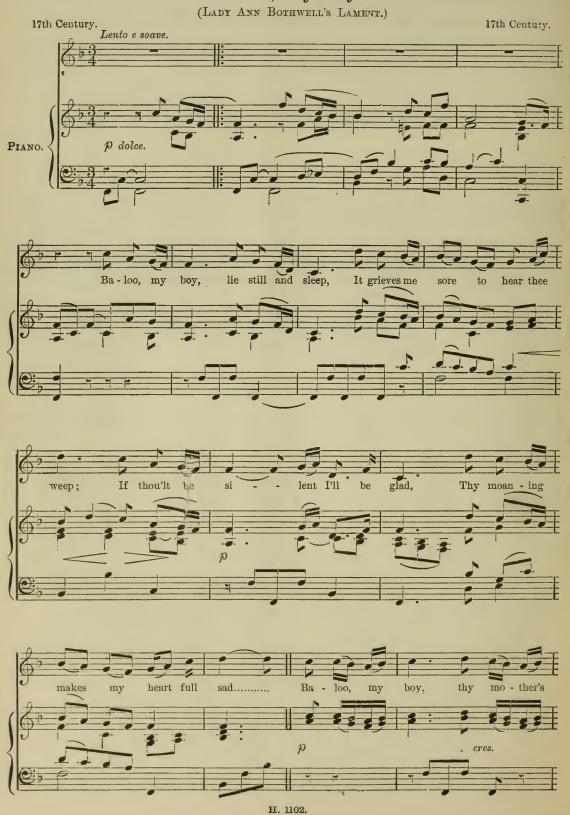
Victory crown'd not your fall with applause;
Still were you happy in death's earthy slumber,
You rest with your clan in the caves of Braemar,
The pibroch resounds to the piper's loud number,
Your deeds on the echoes of dark Loch na Garr.

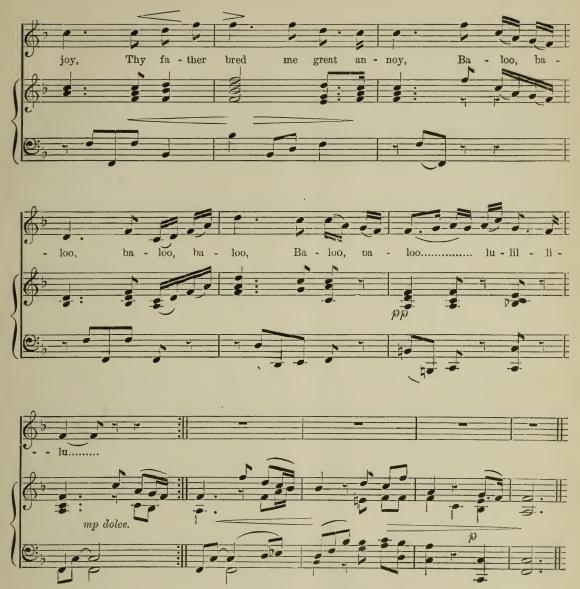
Years have roll'd on, Loch na Garr, since I left you, Years must elapse ere I tread you again:
Nature of verdure and flowers has bereft you, Yet still are you dearer than Albion's plain.
England! thy beauties are tame and domestic
To one who has roved o'er the mountains afar:
Oh for the crags that are wild and majestic!

The steep frowning glories of dark Loch na Garr!

^{*} This word is erroneously pronounced plad: the proper pronunciation (according to the Scotch) is shown by the orthography.





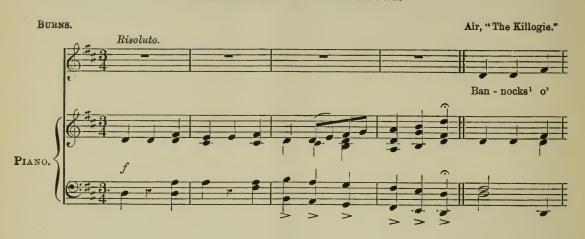


O'er thee I keep my lonely watch, Intent thy lightest breath to catch, Or, when thou wak'st, to see thee smile—And thus my sorrow to beguile. Baloo, my boy, thy mother's joy. Thy father bred me great annoy; Baloo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It grieves me sore to hear thee weep.

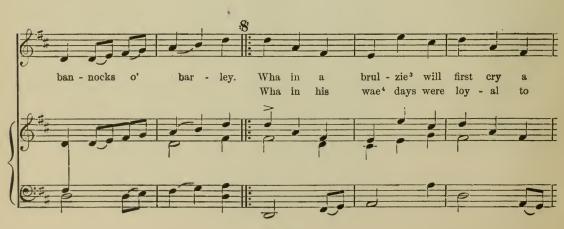
Twelve weary months have crept away Since he, upon thy natal day, Left thee and me, to seek afar A bloody fate in doubtful war. Baloo, my boy, lie still and sleep, It grieves me sore to hear thee weep; If thou'lt be silent, I'll be glad, Thy moaning makes my heart full sad.

I dream'd a dream but yesternight:—
Thy father slain in foreign fight;
He, wounded, stood beside thy bed—
His blood ran down upon thy head;
He spoke no word, but looked on me—
Bent low, and gave a kiss to thee!
Baloo, baloo, my darling boy,
Thou'rt now alone thy mother's joy.

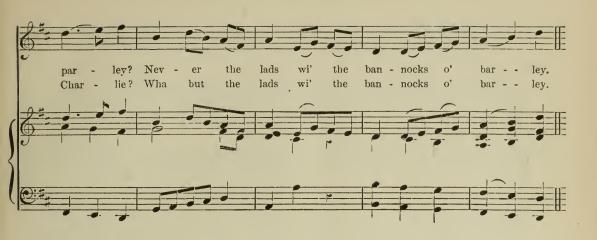
Bannocks o' Bearmeal.

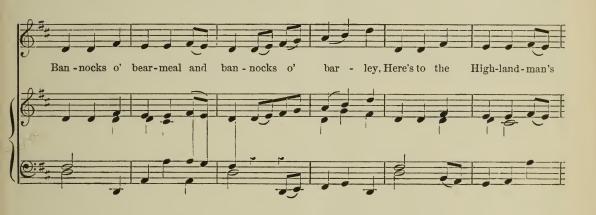


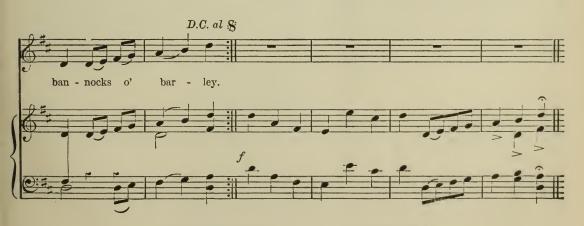




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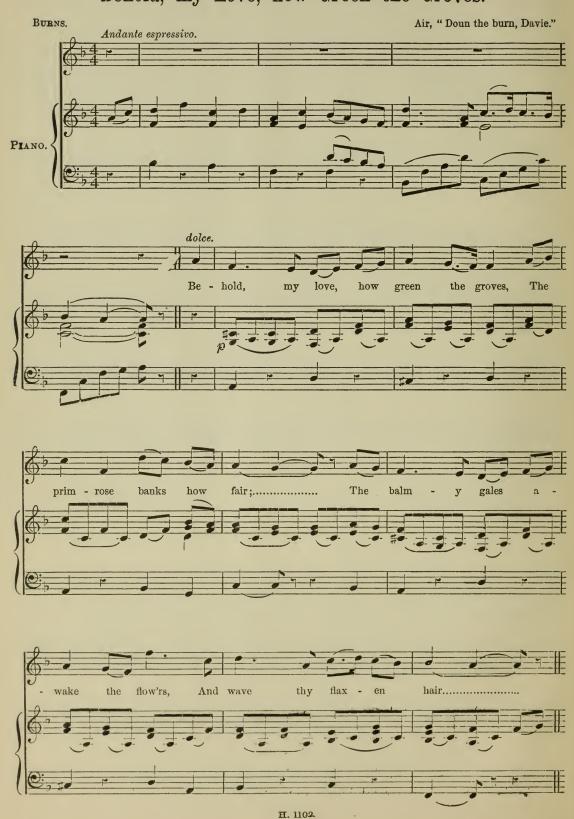
1 Bread, larger than cakes.

² Bere-barley-meal.

³ Broil.

4 Woful.

Behold, my Love, how Green the Groves.







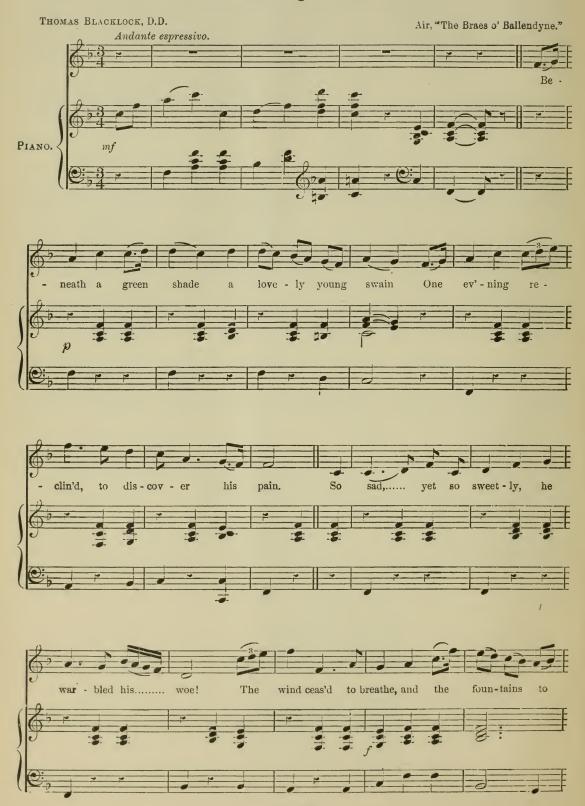


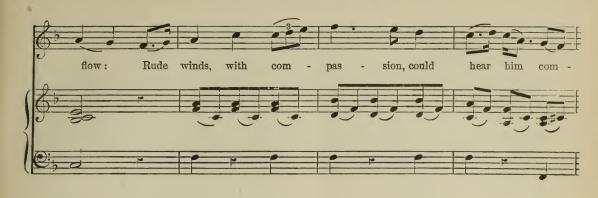
Let skilful minstrels sweep the string In lordly lighted ha',
The shepherd stops his simple reed Blithe in the birken shaw.¹
The princely revel may survey Our rustic dance wi' scorn;
But are their hearts as light as ours Beneath the milk-white thorn?

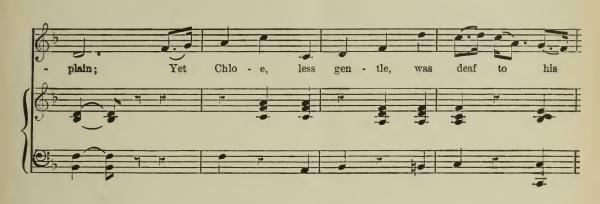
The shepherd in the flow'ry glen
In hamely phrase will woo;
The courtier tells a finer tale—
But is his heart as true?
These wild wood-flowers I've pu'd to deck
That spotless breast o' thine;
The courtier's gems may witness love—
But 'tis na love like mine.

¹ ▲ piece of flat ground at the bottom of a hill covered with short scraggy birches

Beneath a green Shade.





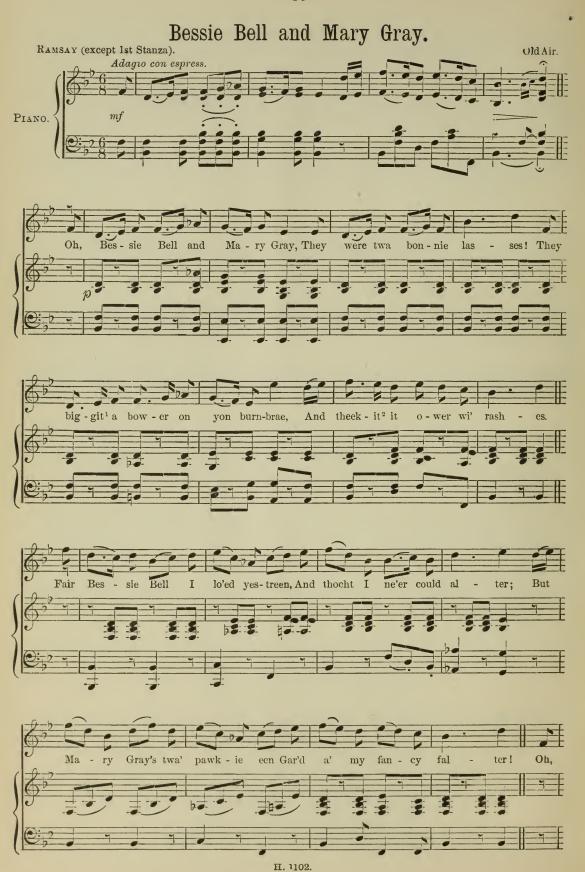


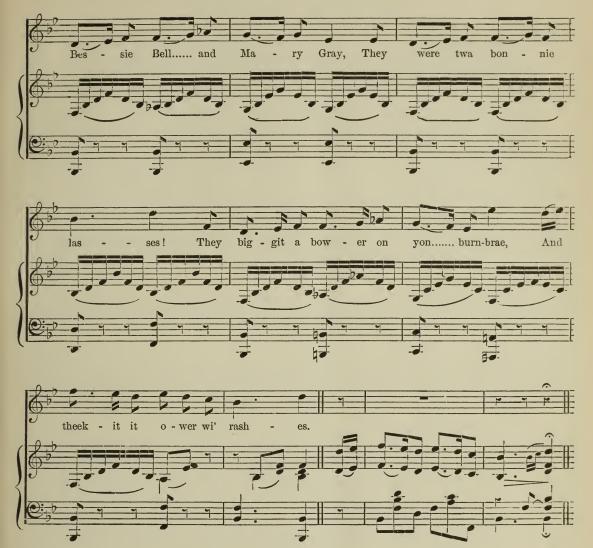


How happy, he cried, my moments once flew, Ere Chloe's bright charms first flash'd in my view! Those eyes then with pleasure the dawn could survey; Nor smil'd the fair morning more cheerful than they. Now scenes of distress please only my sight; I'm tortured in pleasure, and languish in light.

Through changes in vain relief I pursue, All, all but conspire my griefs to renew; From sunshine to zephyrs and shades we repair—To sunshine we fly from too piercing an air. But love's ardent fever burns always the same, No winter can cool it, no summer inflame.

But see the pale moon, all clouded, retires;
The breezes grow cool, not Strephon's desires:
I fly from the dangers of tempest and wind,
Yet nourish the madness that preys on my mind.
Ah, wretch! how can life thus merit thy care?
Since lengthening its moments but lengthens despair.





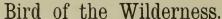
Bessie's hair's like a lint-tap,
She smiles like a May mornin',
When Phœbus starts frae Thetis' lap,
The hill's wi' rays adornin';
White is her neck, soft is her hand.
Her waist and feet fu' genty,
Wi' ilka grace she can command:
Her lips, O vow! they're dainty.
Oh, Bessie Bell, &c.

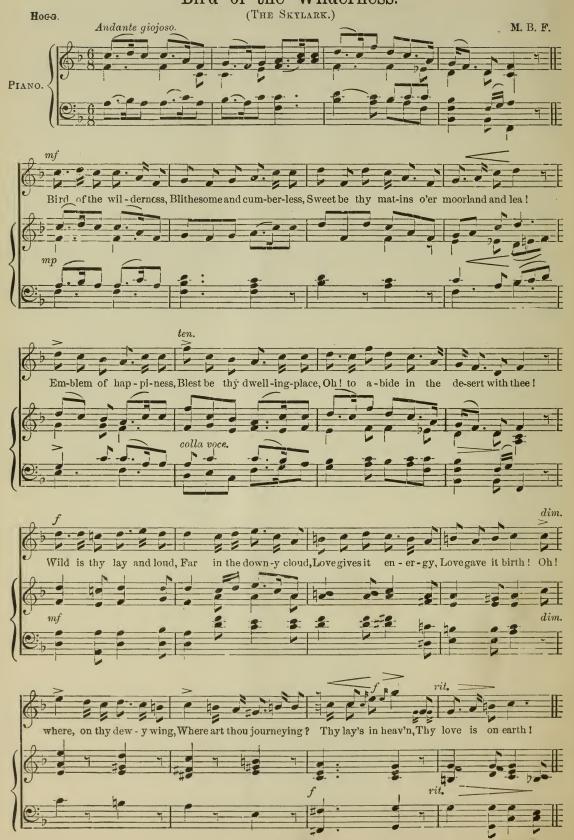
Mary's locks are like the craw,
Her een like diamond's glances;
She's aye sae clean, redd-up, and braw;
She kills whene'er she dances.
Blythe as a kid, wi' wit at will,
She blooming, tight, and tall is,
And guides her airs sae gracefu' still;
O Jove, she's like thy Pallas!
Oh, Bessie Bell, &c.

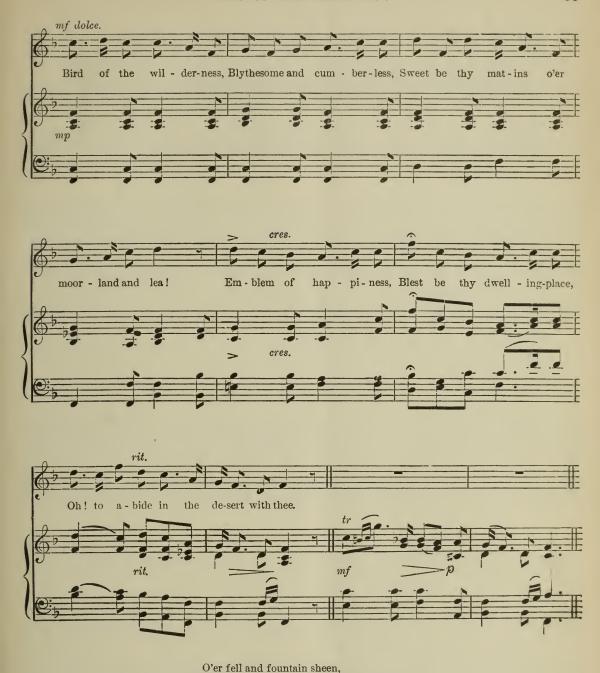
Young Bessie Bell and Mary Gray,
Ye unco' sair oppress us;
Our fancies jee between ye twa,
Ye are sic bonnie lasses.
Wae's me! for baith I canna get:
To ane by law we're stinted;
Then I'll draw cuts, and tak' my fate,
And be wi' ane contented.
Oh, Bessie Bell, &c.

Built.

² Thatched.

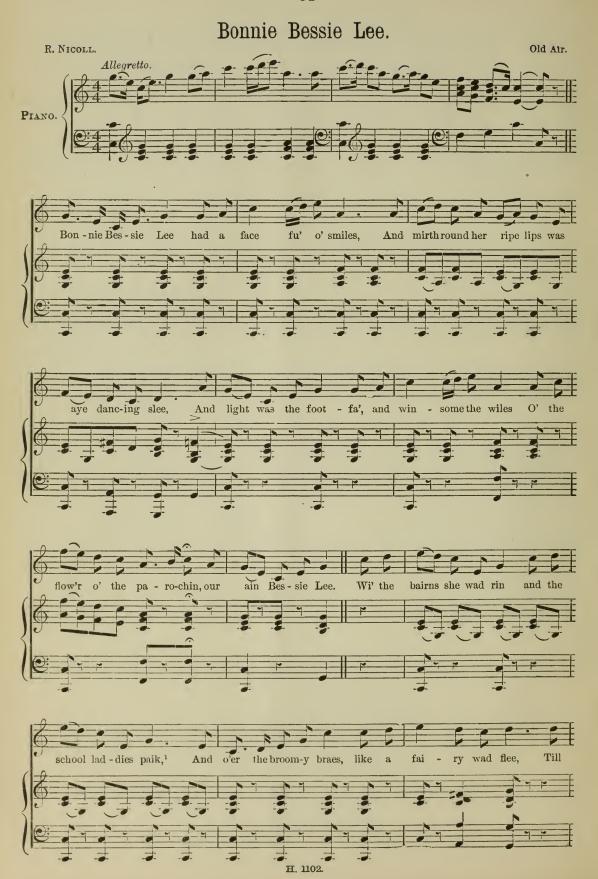


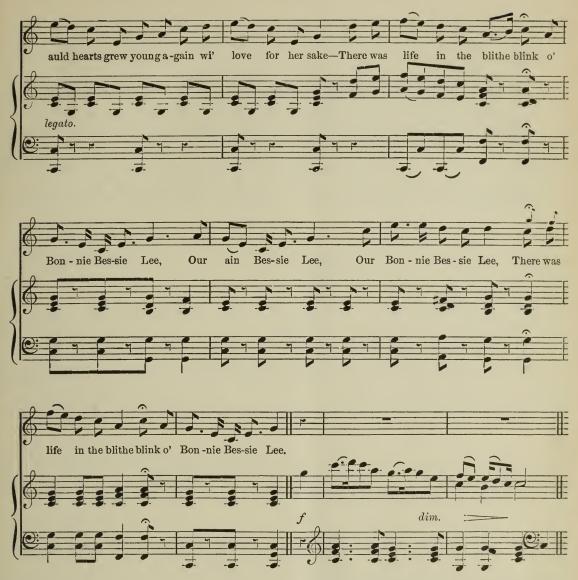




O'er moor and mountain green,
O'er the red streamer that heralds the day,
Over the cloudlet dim,
Over the rainbow's rim,
Musical cherub, soar, singing away!
Then when the gleaming comes,
Then when the heather blooms,
Sweet will thy welcome and bed of love be.
Oh! Emblem of happiness,
Blest be thy dwelling-place,
Oh! to abide in the desert with thee!

Refrain—Bird of the wilderness,
Blithesome and cumberless,
Sweet be thy matins o'er moorland and lea!
Emblem of happiness,
Blest be thy dwelling-place.
Oh! to abide in the desert with thee!





She grat² wi' the waeful, and laughed wi' the glad, And light as the wind 'mang the dancers was she, And a tongue that could jeer, too, the little lassie had, Whilk keep'd aye her ain side for Bonnie Bessie Lee. And she whiles had a sweetheart and whiles she had twa

A glaikit³ bit lassie, but atween you and me Her warm wee bit heartie she ne'er threw awa' Tho' many ane had sought it frae Bonnie Bessie Lee.

Our ain Bessie Lee, &c.

But ten years had gone since I gazed on her last, For ten years had parted my old hame and me;
And I said to mysel', as her mither's door I pass'd,
"Will I ever get anither kiss frae Bonnie Bessic
Lee?"

But time changes a' things, the ill-natured loon, Were it ever sae lightly, he'll no let it be;
But I rubbit at my een and I thought I would swoon
How the Carle had come round about our Bonnie Bessie Lee.

Our ain Bessie Lee, &c.

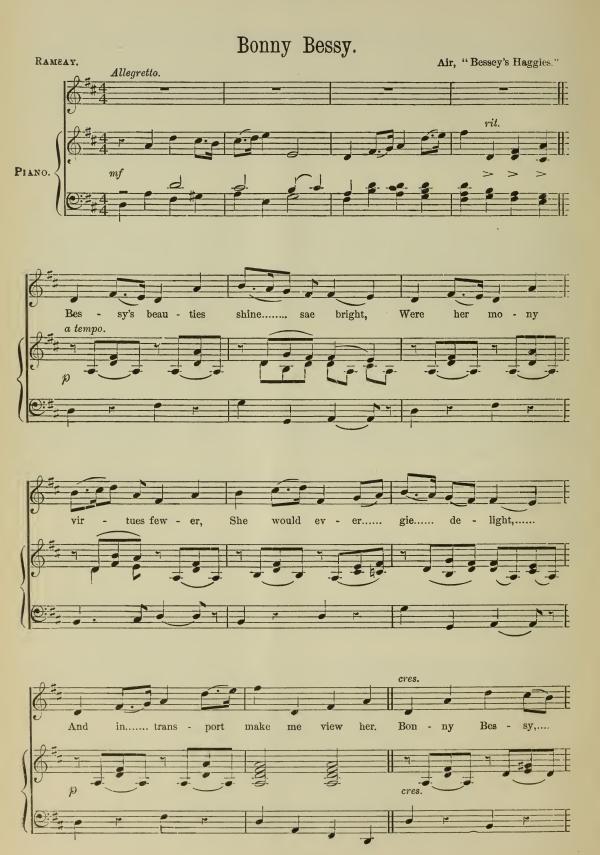
The wee laughing lassie was a gude wife growing auld, Twa weans at her apron, and ane on her knee; She was douce,6 too, and wiselike, and wisdom's sae cauld,

I would rather had the ither ane than this Bessie Lee.

Bonnie Bessie Lee had a face fu' o' smiles, And mirth round her ripe lips was aye dancing slee,

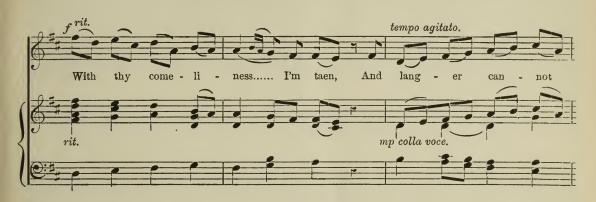
And light was the foot-fa', and winsome the wiles O' the flower o' the parochin, our ain Bessie Lee. Our ain Bessie Lee, &c.

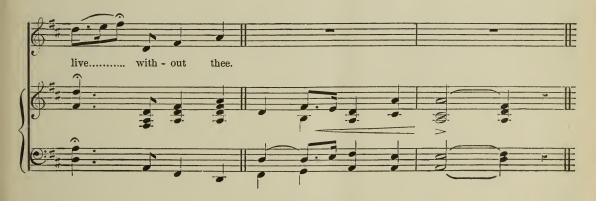
Best. 8 Wept. ³ Foolish. 4 Old man. ⁵ Young children · Prudent



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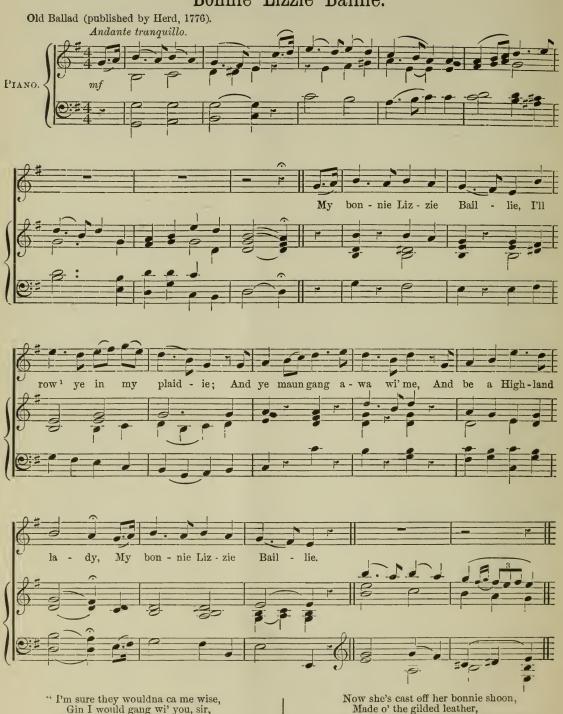




Bessy's bosom's fast and warm,
Milk-white fingers still employed.
He who taks her to his arm
Of her sweets can ne'er be cloyed.
My dear Bessy, when the roses
Leave thy cheek as thou grow aulder,
Virtue, which thy mind discloses,
Will keep love from growing caulder.

Bessy's tocher is but scanty,
Yet her face and soul discovers
Those enchanting sweets in plenty
Maun entice a thousand lovers;
'Tis not money, but a woman
Of a temper kind and easy,
That gives happiness uncommon;
Petted things can nought but teaze ye.

Bonnie Lizzie Baillie.



"I'm sure they wouldna ca me wise, Gin I would gang wi' you, sir, For I can neither card nor spin, Nor yet milk ewe or cow, sir," Said Bonnie Lizzie Baillie.

"My Bonnie Lizzie Baillie,
Let nane o' these things daunt ye;
Ye'll hae nae need to card or spin,
Your mither weel can want ye,
My Ponnie Lizzie Baillie."

W-ap. 2 Alarm.

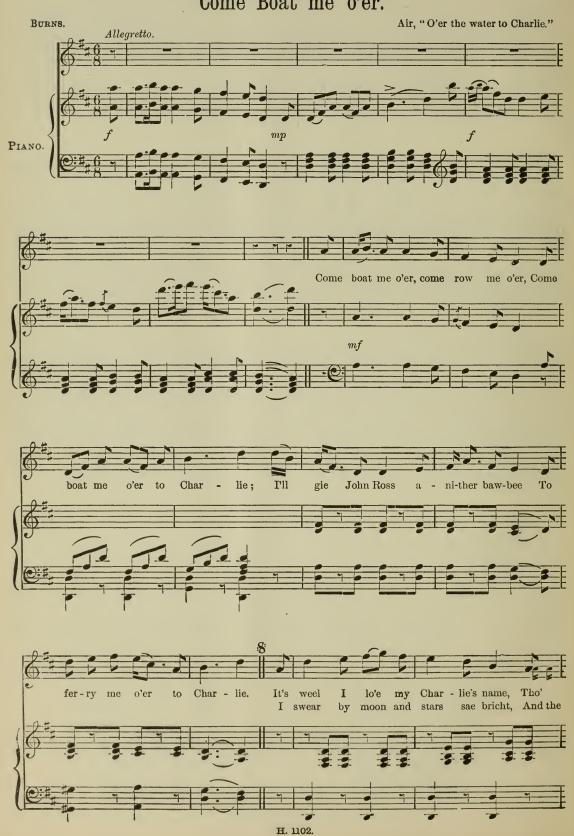
Now she's cast off her bonnie shoon, Made o' the gilded leather, And she's put on her Highland brogues, To skip amang the heather, Has Bonnie Lizzie Baillie.

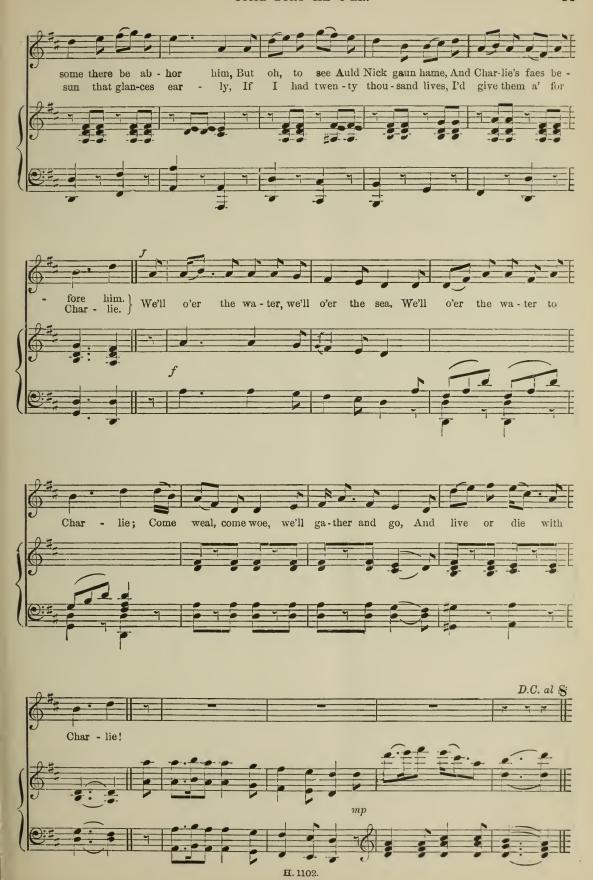
She wadna hae a Lawland laird,
Nor be an English lady;
But she wad gang wi' Duncan Graham,
And row her in his plaidie,
Wad Bownie Lizzie Baillie.

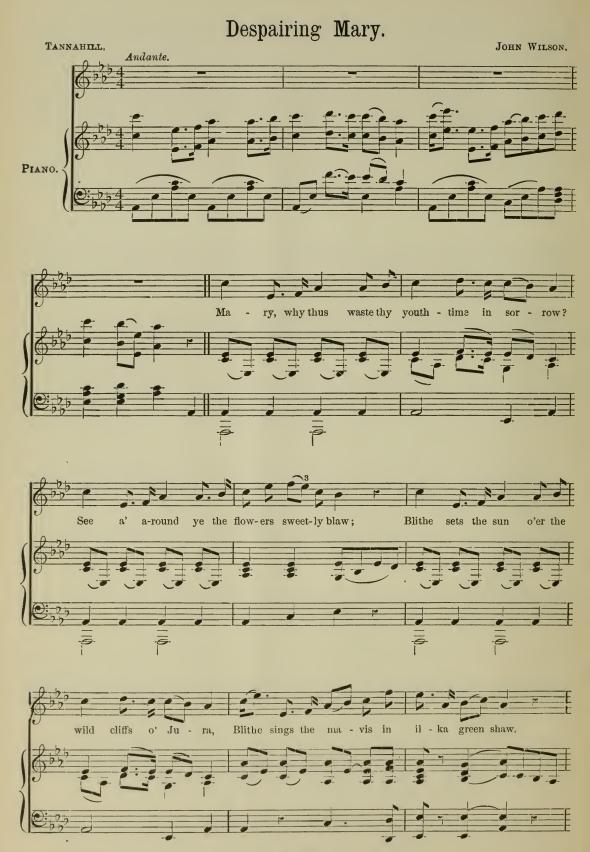
3 Do without.



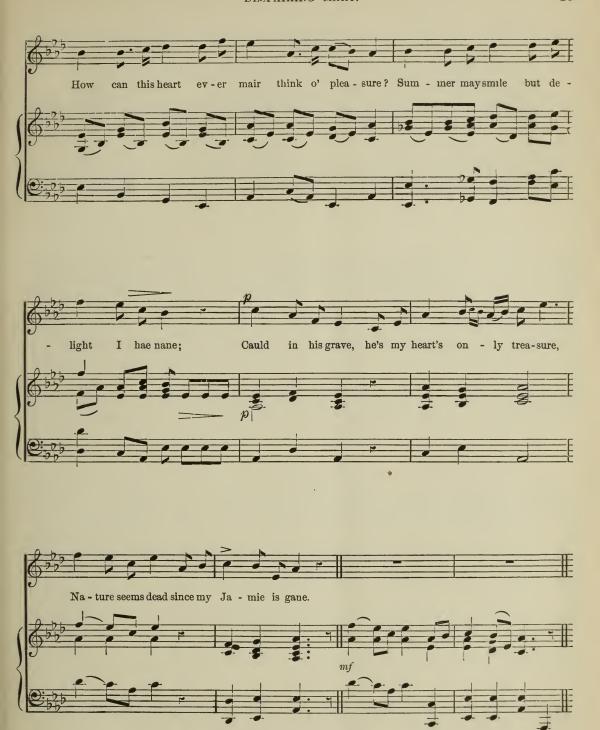
Come Boat me o'er.





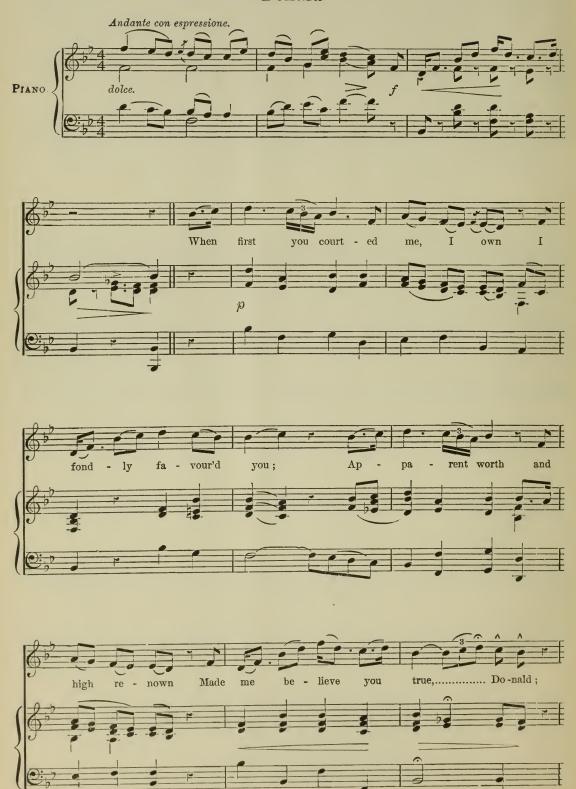


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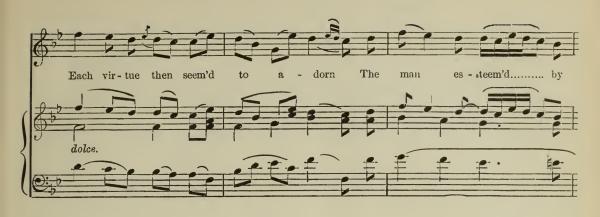


Sweet were our meetings o' tender endearment,
But fled are these joys like a fleet passing dream.
Sighing for him, I lie down in the e'ening,
Sighing for him, I awake in the morn.
Spent are my days a' in secret repining,
Peace to this bosom can never return.
Cauld in his grave, &c.

Donald.



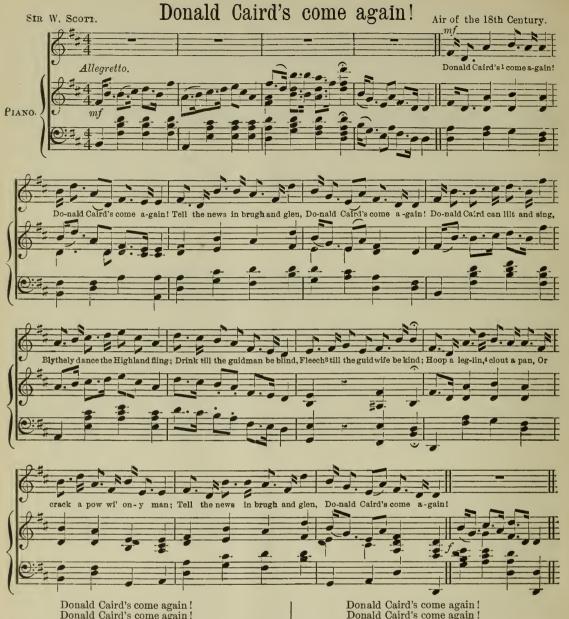
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O, then for ever haste away—
Away from love and me;
Go, seek a heart that's like your own,
And come no more to me, Donald.
For I'll reserve myself alone
For one that's more like me;
If such a one I cannot find,
I fly from love and thee, Donald!



Donald Caird's come again! Gar the bagpipes hum amain, Donald Caird's come again! Donald Caird can wire a maukin, 6 Kens the wiles o' dundeer staukin'; Leisters kipper, 6 makes a shift To shoot a muir-fowl i' the drift: Water-bailifs, rangers, keepers, He can wauk when they are sleepers; Not for bountith, or reward, Daur they mell wi' Donald Caird.

Donald Caird's come again! Donald Caird's come again! Tell the news in brugh and glen, Donald Caird's come again! Donald Caird can drink a gill, Fast as hostler-wife can fill; Ilka ane that sells gude liquor, Kens how Donald bends a bicker⁷: When he's fou, he's stout and saucy, Keeps the cantle o' the causey's; Highland chief and Lawland laird Maun gi'e room to Donald Caird.

² Burgh.

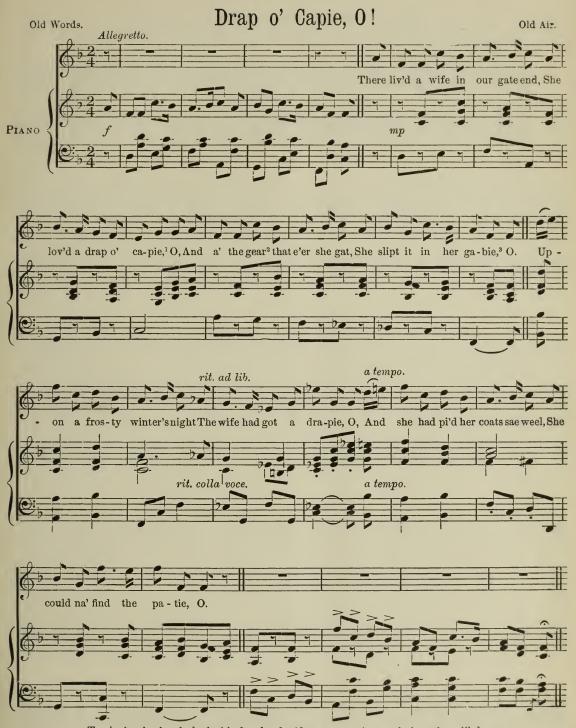
⁷ Drinks lustily.

Donald Caird's come again! Donald Caird's come again! Dinna let the shirra ken Donald Caird's come again!
Steek the aumrie, block the kist,
Else some gear may weel be mist;
Donald Caird finds orra things
Where Allan Gregor faud the tings:
Dunts o' kebbuck, to taits o' woo',
White a ban and white some Whiles a hen and whiles a sow, Webs or duds frae hedge or yard— Ware the wuddie, 11 Donald Caird

Donald Caird's come again! Donald Caird's come again! Dinna let the justice ken Donald Caird's come again! On Donald Caird the doom was stern, Craig to tether, ¹² legs to airn: ¹³ But Donald Caird, wi' muckle study, Caught the gift to cheat the wuddie. Rings o' airn, and bolts o' steel, Fell like ice frae hand and heel! Watch the sheep in fauld and glen, Donald Caird's loose again!

⁵ Snare a hare. ay. ⁹ Shut the pantry ⁴ A milk-pail. 8 Middle of the roadway. -2 Throat to the halter. 3 Legs to fetters.

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Tamie, her husband, ducks his drunkard wife, wrapt up in a sack, into the mill-lam.

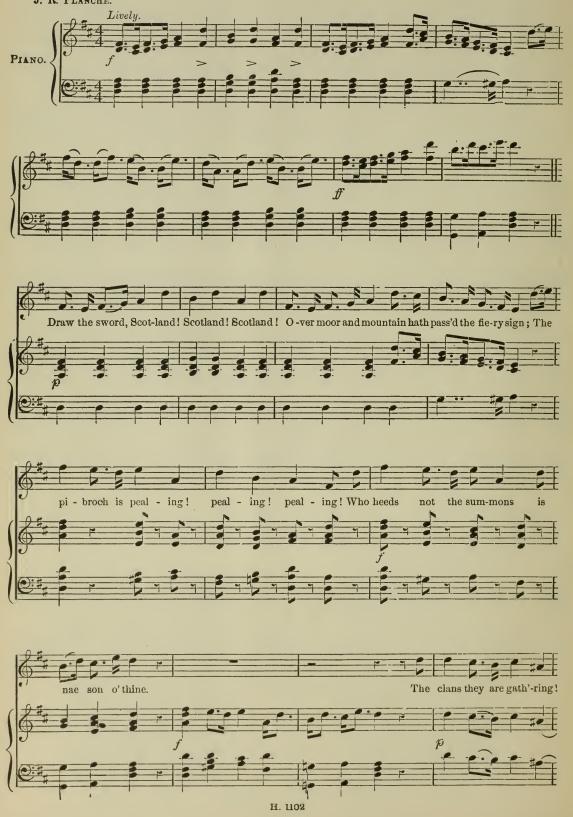
Now all ye men baith fair and near,
That have a drunken tutie, 4 O,
Duck you your wives in time of year,
And I'll lend you the pockie, 5 O.
The wife did live for nineteen years,
And was fu' frank and cuthie, 6 O
And ever since she got the duck
She never had the drouthie, 7 O.

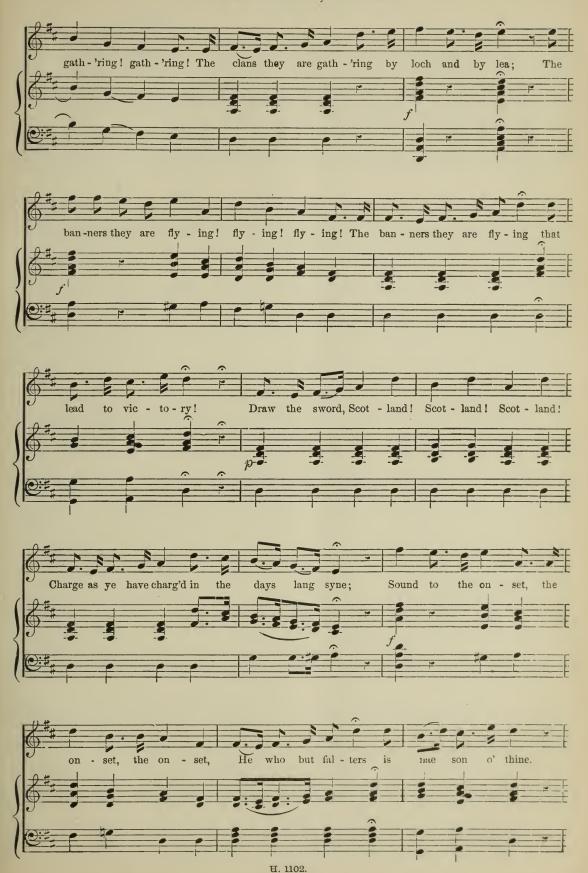
At last the carling schanced to die,
And Tamie did her bury, O;
And for the publick benefit
He has gar'd sprint the curie, 10 O.
And this he did her motto make—
"Here lies an honest cuckie, 11 O,
Who never left the drinking trade
Until she got a duckie, O."

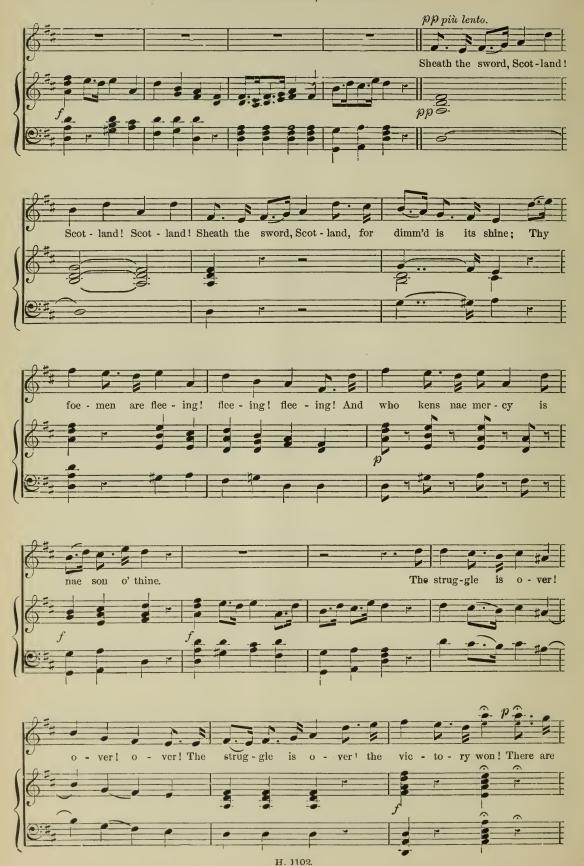
^c Drink.
² Riches; goods of any kind.
³ Mouth.
⁴ Tippler.
⁵ Sack.
⁶ Loving.
⁷ Thirst.
⁹ Old woman.
⁹ Folt constrained to.
¹⁰ Warning.
¹¹ Old woman; granny.

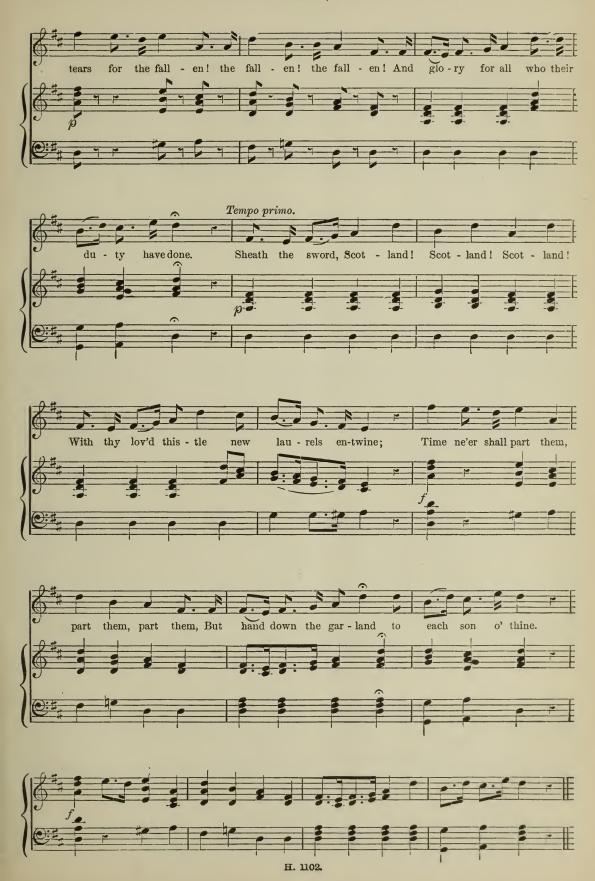
Draw the Sword, Scotland!



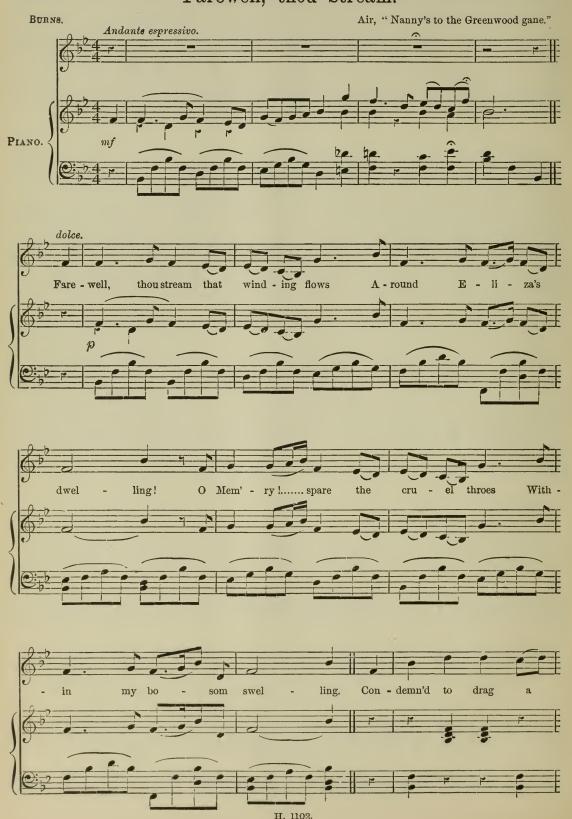


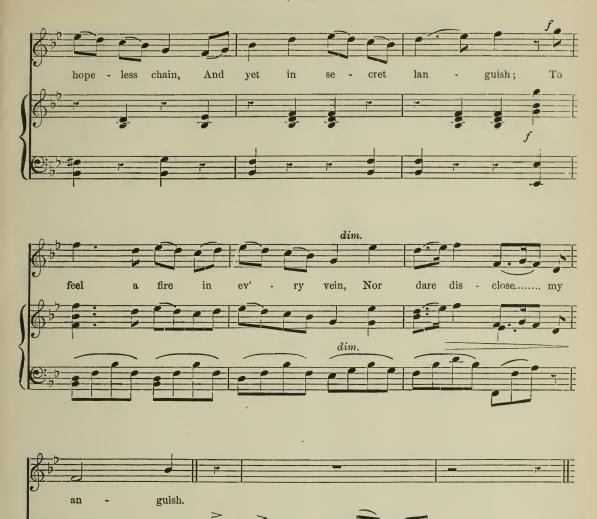






Farewell, thou Stream.

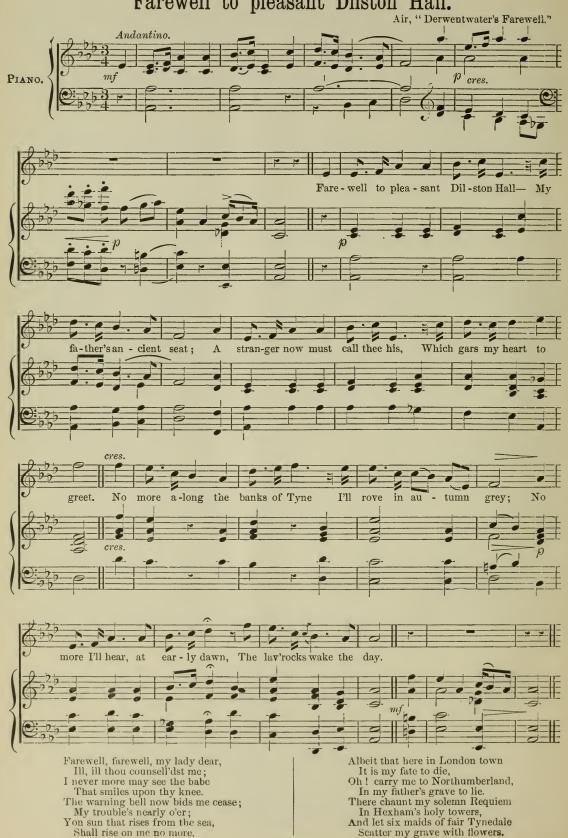




Love's veriest wretch, unseen, unknown,
I fain my griefs would cover:
The bursting sigh, th' unweeting groan
Betray the hapless lover.
I know thou doom'st me to despair,
Nor wilt, nor canst relieve me;
But oh! Eliza, hear one prayer,—
For pity's sake forgive me!

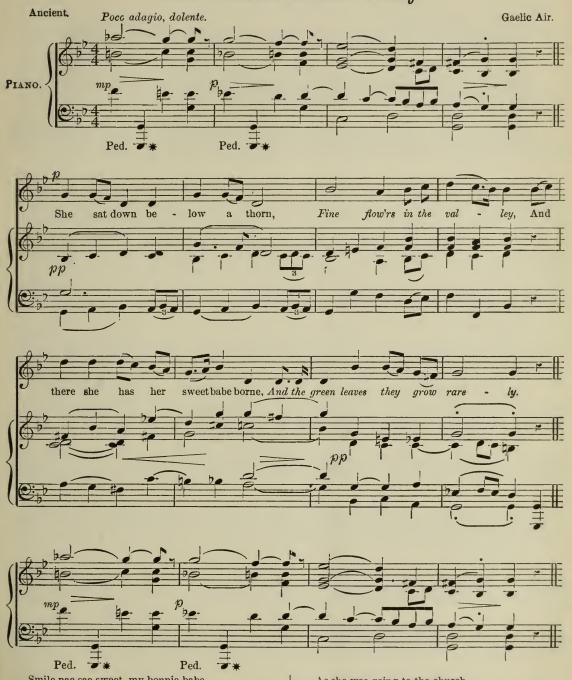
The music of thy voice I heard,
Nor wist while it enslaved me;
I saw thine eyes, yet nothing feared,
Till fears no more had saved me:
Th' unwary sailor, thus aghast,
The wheeling torrent viewing,
'Mid circling horrors sinks at last
In overwhelming ruin.

Farewell to pleasant Dilston Hall.



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Fine Flowers in the Valley.



Smile nae sae sweet, my bonnie babe,

Fine flow'rs in the valley;
An' ye smile sae sweet, ye'll smile me dead,
And the green leaves they grow rarely.

She's ta'en out her little penknife, Fine flow'rs in the valley;

And twinned1 the sweet babe o' its life, And the green leaves they grow rarely.

She's howket a grave by the light o' the moon, Fine flow'rs in the valley;

And there she's buried her sweet babe in,

And the green leaves they grow rarely.

As she was going to the church, Fine flow'rs in the valley;

She saw a sweet babe in the porch,

And the green leaves they grow rarely.

O sweet babe, an' thou wert mine, Fine flow'rs in the valley; I wad cleed 3 thee in silk so fine,

And the green leaves they grow rarely.

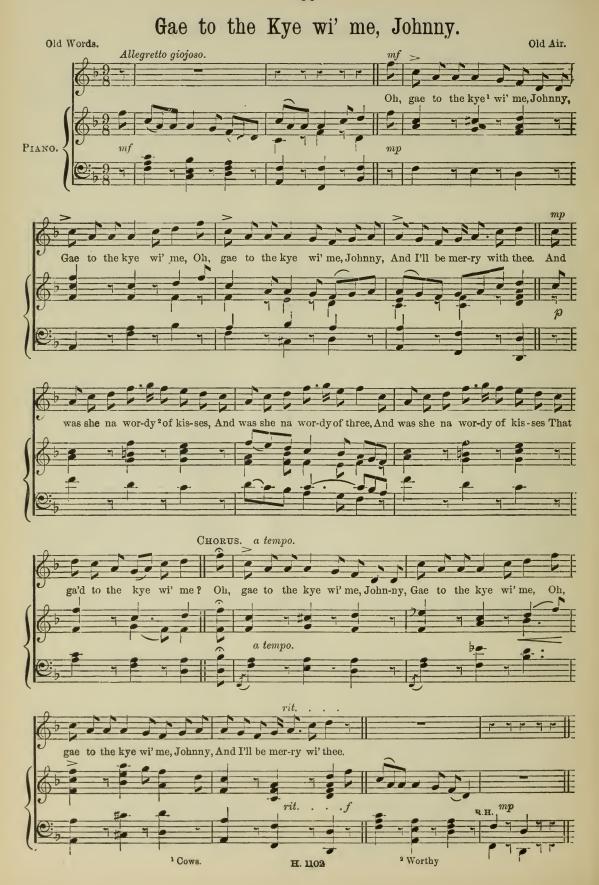
O mother dear, when I was thine, Fine flow'rs in the valley:

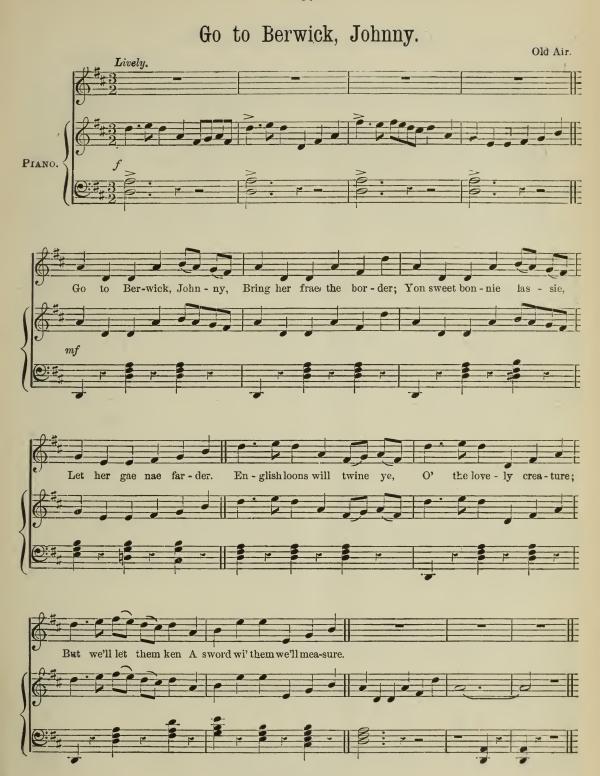
You did na prove to me sae kind-And the green leaves they grow rarely.

1 Deprived.

2 Dug. Clothe.

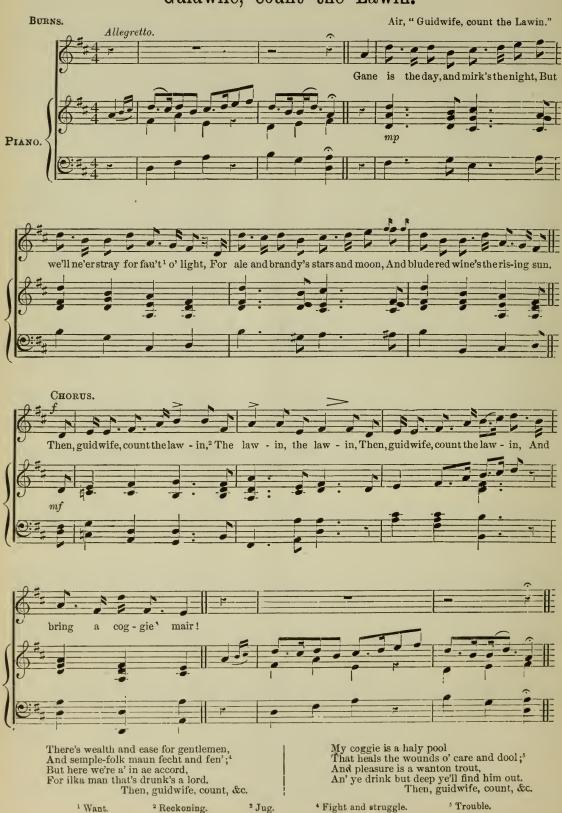
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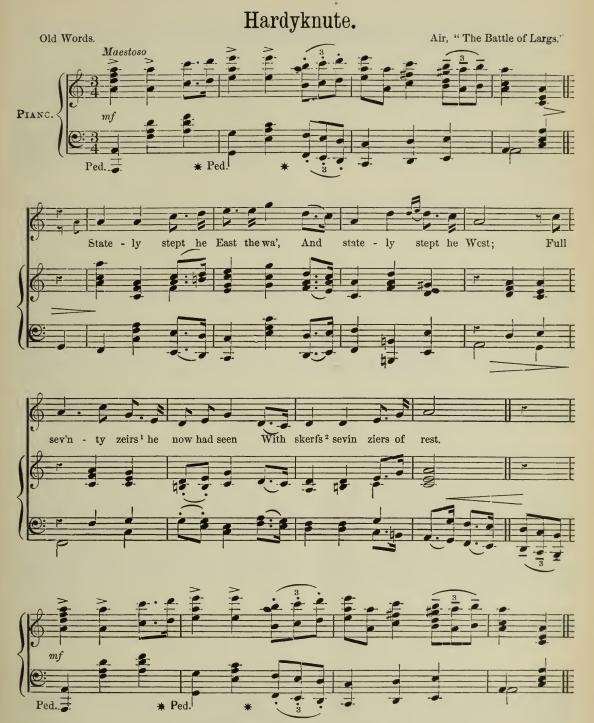


Go to Berwick, Johnny,
And regain your honour;
Drive them o'er the Tweed,
An' shaw our Scottish banner!
I am Rab, the King,
An' ye are Jock, my brither,
But before we lose her,
We'll a' there thegither.

Guidwife, count the Lawin.



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He livit quhen³ Briton's breach of faith Wroucht Scotland meikle wae, And ay his sword tauld to their skaith,⁴ He was their deidly fae.

Hie on a hill his castle stude, With halls and towers a hicht, And guidly chambers fair to se Quhair⁵ he lodgit mony a knicht.

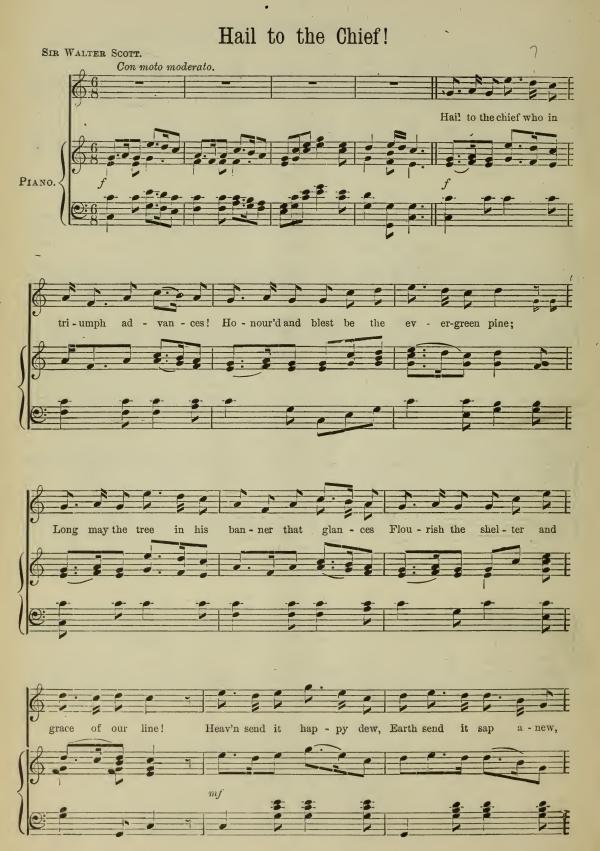
I'welve and more verses tell of the invasion of Scotland by Hardyknute, the King of Norse.

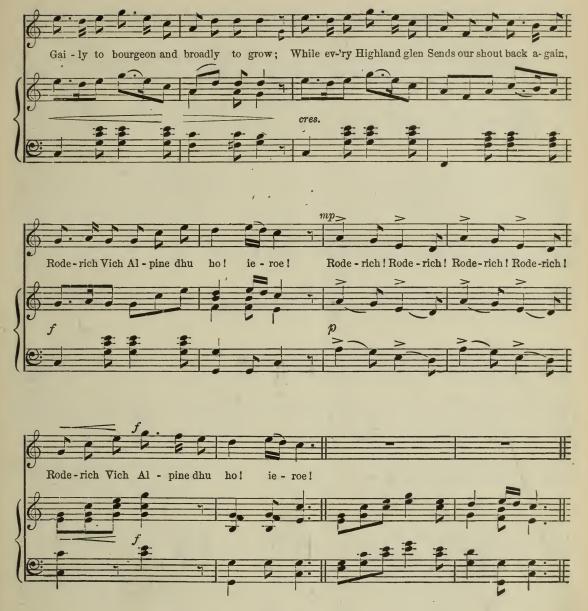
¹ Years. ² Scarce.

3 When.

5 Where

4 Hurt.



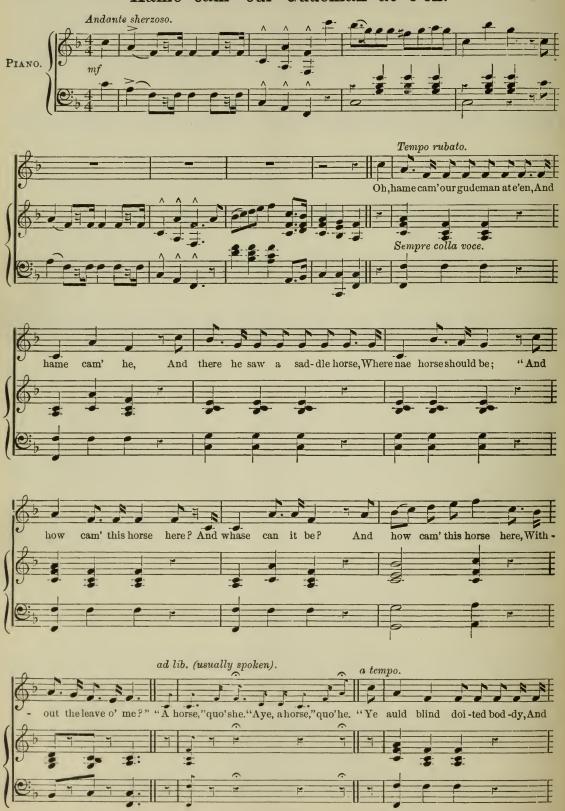


Ours is no sapling chance sown by the fountain,
Blooming in Beltane, in winter to fade
When the whirl-wind has stript ev'ry leaf on the mountain,
The more shall Clan Alpine exult in her shade.

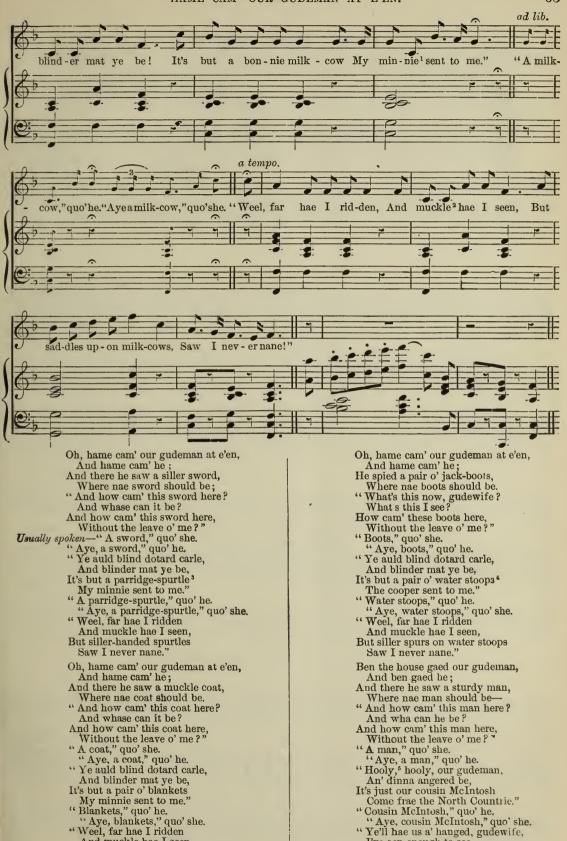
Moored in the rifted rock,
Proof to the tempest shock,
Firmer he roots him the ruder it blows
Monteith and Breadalbin' then
Echo his praise again,
Roderich Vich Alpine dhu ho! ie-roe!

Row, vassals, row, for the pride of the Highlands
Stretch to your oars for the evergreen pine!
Oh! that the rosebud that graces yon island
Were wreathed in a garland around him to twine
Oh! that some seedling gem,
Worthy such noble stem,
Honour'd and bless'd in their shadow might grow
Loud should Clan Alpine then
Ring from her deepmost glen,
Roderich Vich Alpine dhu ho! ie-roe!

Hame cam' our Gudeman at e'en.



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1 Mother ² Great things; much. 4 Wooden pitchers. 3 Stick used in making oatmeal porridge, &c. 5 Take time. H. 1102.

And muckle hae I seen,

But buttons upon blankets

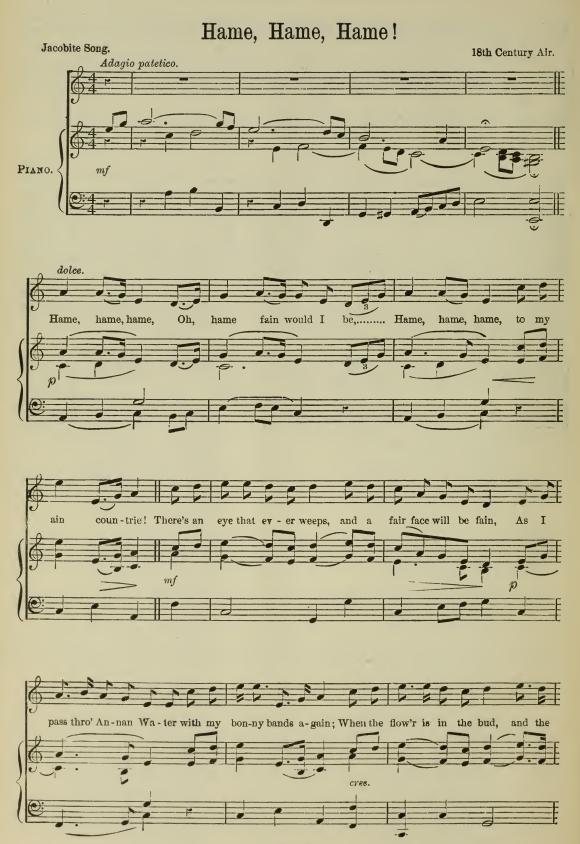
Saw I never nane.'

"Ye'll hae us a' hanged, gudewife,

Ye're hidin' rebels in the house.

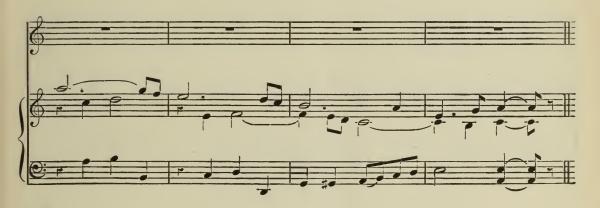
Without the leave o' me."

I've een eneugh to see



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Hame, hame, hame, Oh, hame fain would I be,
Hame, hame, hame, to my ain countrie!
The green leaf of loyalty's beginning for to fa',
The bonnie white rose it is withering and a',
But I'll water 't with the blood of usurping tyrannie,
And fresh it will blaw in my ain countrie.

Hame, hame, hame, Oh, hame fain would I be, Hame, hame, hame, to my ain countrie!

There's nought now from ruin my countrie can save, But the keys of kind heaven to open the grave,

That all the noble martyrs who died for loyaltie
May rise again and fight for their ain countrie.

Hame, hame, hame, Oh, hame fain would I be,
Hame, hame, hame, to my ain countrie!
The great now are gone, a' who ventured to save;
The new grass is growing above their bloody grave;
But the sun through the mirk blinks blithe in my e'e,
I'll shine on ye yet in your ain countrie.





Jock kent ilka bore and bole,⁵ Could creep thro' a wee bit hole, Quietly pilfer eggs and cheese, Dunts ⁶ o' bacon, skeps ⁷ o' bees, Sip the kirn, ⁶ and steal the butter, Nail the hens without a flutter; Na! the watchfu', wily cock. Durst-na craw for Heather Jock.

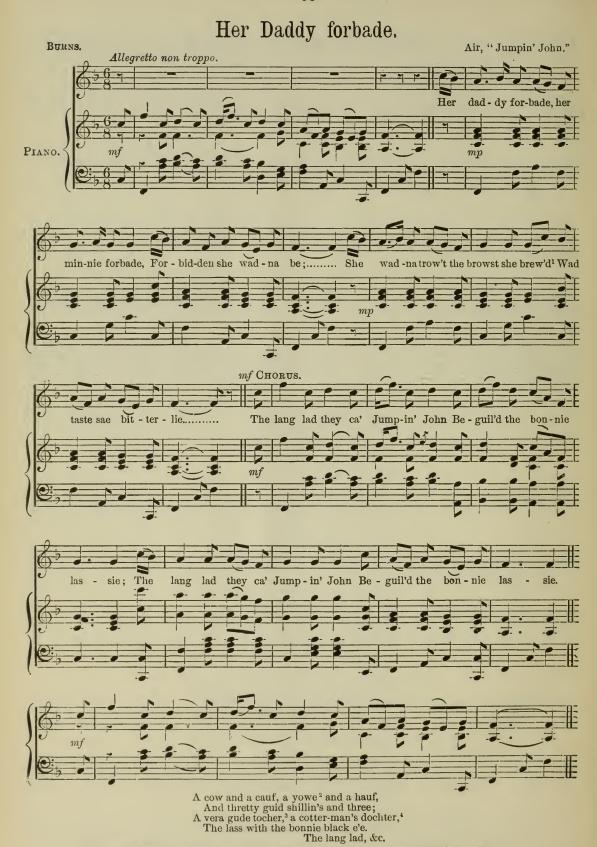
Effie Blaikie lost her gown, She cost sae dear at borough town; Sandy Tamson's Sunday wig Left the house to run the rig.⁹ Jenny Baxter's blankets a' Took a thocht to gang awa', And a' the weans ¹⁰ bit printed frocks— Wha was the thief but Heather Jock.

Jock was nae religious youth,
For at the priest he thraw'd'1 his mouth;
He wadna say a grace, nor pray,
But played his pipes on Sabbath Day.
Robbed the Kirk o' baun an' book,
Everything would lift he took;
He didna leave the weather-cock,
Sic a thief was Heather Jock!

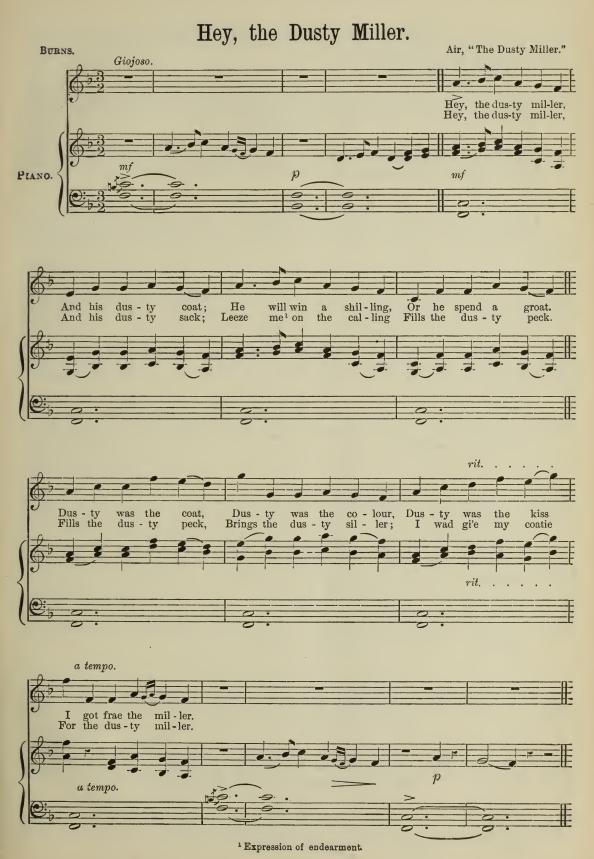
Nane wi' Jock could draw a tricker, 'Mang the muirfowl he was sicker; 12 He watched the wild ducks at the springs, And hang'd the hares in hempen strings; Blaz'd the burns, and spear'd the fish, Jock had mony a dainty dish. The best o' muirfowl and blackcock Aye graced the board of Heather Jock.

Nane wi' Jock had ony say, At the nieve¹³ or cudgel play; Jock for bolt or bar ne'er stayed, Till ance the jail his courage laid. Then the judge without delay Sent him off to Botany Bay, And bade him mind the laws he broke, And never mair play Heather Jock.

⁴ Briskly. ² Strapping. ³ Clothing. ⁴ Very. ⁵ Small cupboard. ⁶ Lumps. Hive. ¹⁰ Frolic. ¹⁰ Babies ¹¹ Twisted. ¹² Sure. ¹³ Fist.

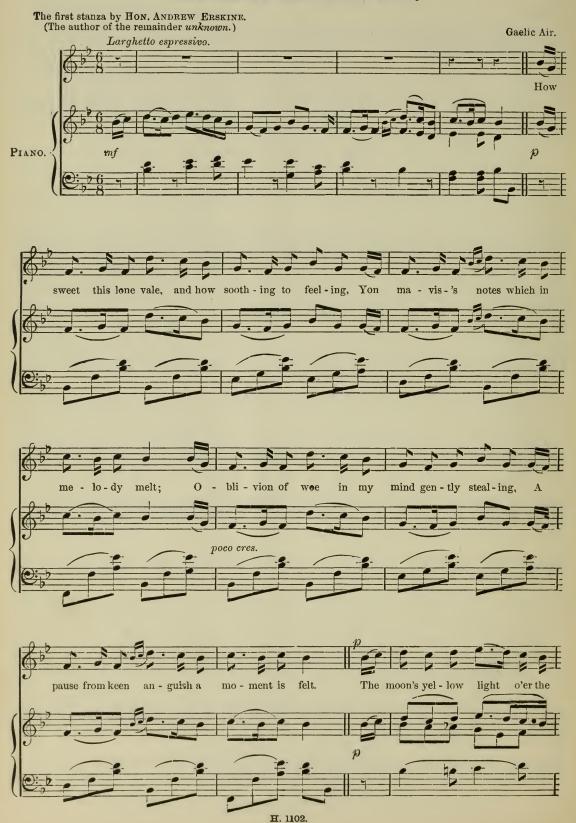


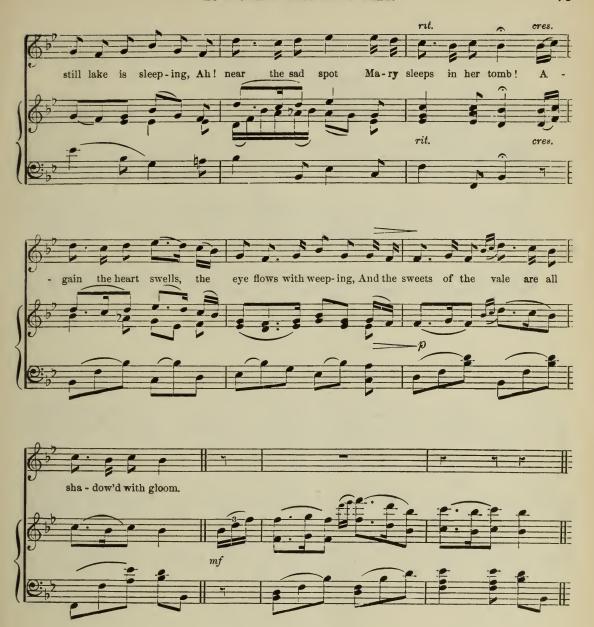
¹ She would not believe the drink she brewed.
² Ewe.
³ Dowry
⁴ Daughter.



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How sweet this lone Vale.





How sweet this lone vale! all the beauties of Nature, In varied features are here to be seen; The lowly spread bush, and the oak's tow'ring stature Are mantled in foliage of gay lovely green.

Ah! here is the spot (Oh! sad recollection!), It is the retreat of my Mary no more;—

How kind, how sincere, was the maiden's affection—

Till memory cease, I the loss must deplore.

How sweet this lone vale to a heart full of sorrow!

The wail of distress I unheeded can pour;

My bosom o'ercharged may be lighter to-morrow,

By shedding a flood in the thick twisted bow'r.

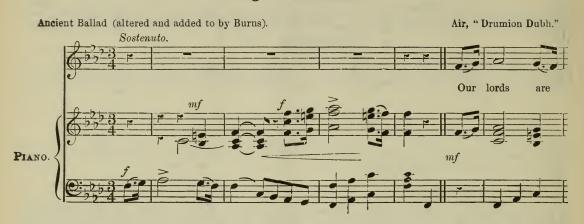
O Mary! in silence thou calmly reposest,

The bustle of life gives no trouble to thee;

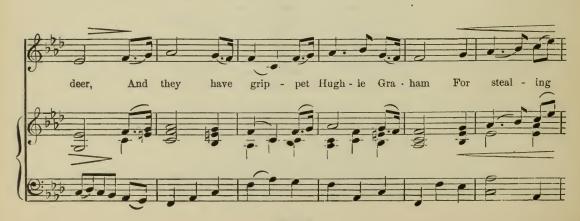
Bemoaning my Mary, life only discloses

A wilderness vacant of pleasure to me.

Hughie Graham.







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And they ha'e tied him hand and foot, And led him up through Stirling toun; The lads and lassies met him there, Cried "Hughie Graham, thou art a loon."

"Oh, lowse my right hand free," he says,
"And put my braid sword in the same;
He's no in Stirling toun this day
Daur tell the tale to Hughie Graham."

Up then bespake the brave Whitefoord,
As he sat by the bishop's knee,
"Five hundred white stots' I'll gie you,
If ye'll let Hughie Graham gae free."

"Oh, haud your tongue," the bishop says,
"And wi' your pleading let me be;
For though ten Grahams were in his coat,
Hughie Graham this day shall die."

Up then bespake the fair Whitefoord, As she sat by the bishop's knee; "Five hundred white pence I'll gie you, If ye'll gi'e Hughie Graham to me."

"O, haud your tongue now, lady fair,
And wi' your pleading let it be;
Although ten Grahams were in his coat,
It's for my honour he maun die."

They've ta'en him to the gallows knowe, He lookèd to the gallows tree; Yet never colour left his cheek, Nor ever did he blink his e'e.

At length he looked round about,
To see whatever he could spy:
And there he saw his auld father,
And he was weeping bitterly.

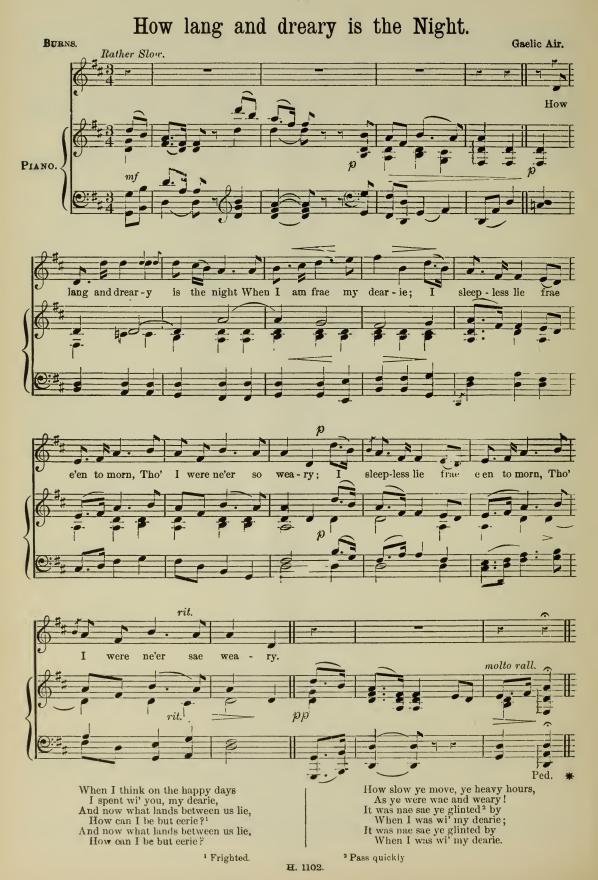
"O, haud your tongue, my father dear, And wi' your weeping let it be; Thy weeping's sairer on my heart Than a' that they can do to me.

"And ye may gie my brother John
My sword that's bent in the middle clear;
And let him come at twelve o'clock,
And see me pay the bishop's mare.

"And ye may gie my brother James
My sword that's bent in the middle brown;
And bid him come at four o'clock,
And see his brother Hugh cut down.

"And ye may tell my kith and kin
I never did disgrace their blood;
And when they meet the bishop's cloak
To mak' it shorter by the hood."

1 Young bullocks.



BURNS. I dreamed I lay where Flowers were springing.

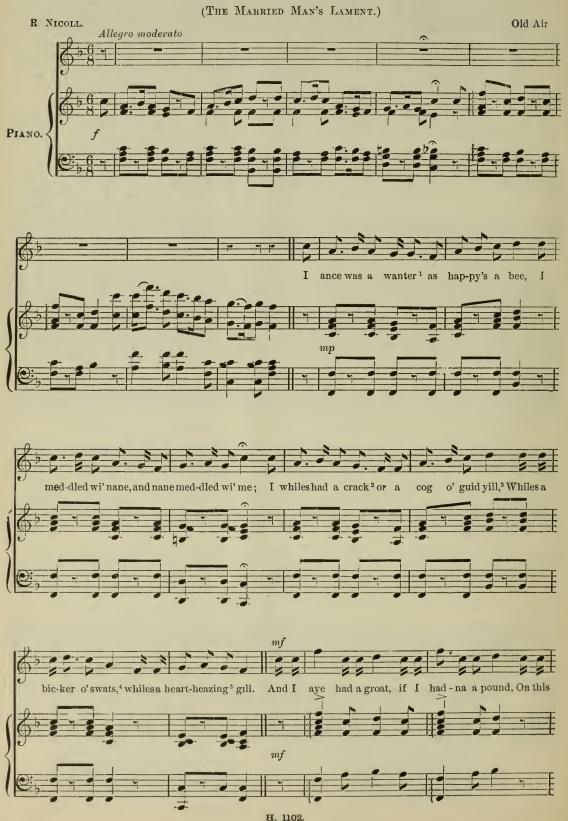


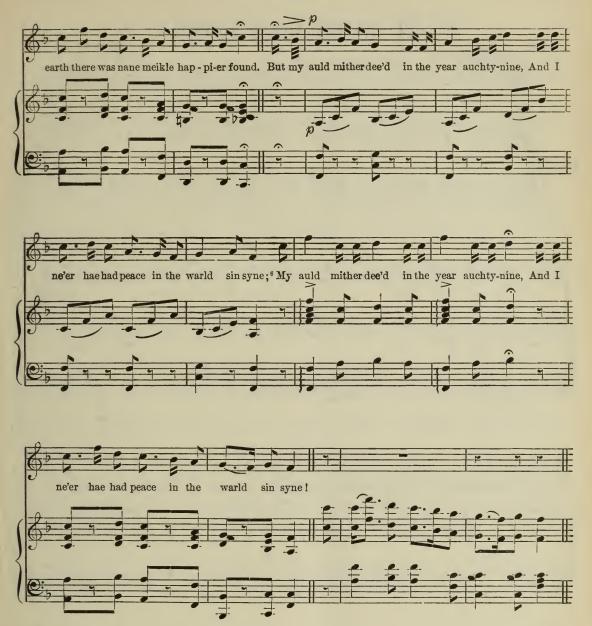
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1 Troubled.

² Before, ere.

I ance was a Wanter.





Fu' sound may she sleep, a douce woman was she, Wi' her wheel and her cat and her cuppie o' tea; My ingle she keep it as trig as a preen, An' she ne'er speer'd questions as "Where hae ye been?"

As, "What were ye doin'?" or "Wha was ye wi'?"
We were happy thegither, my mither and me.
But my auld, &c.

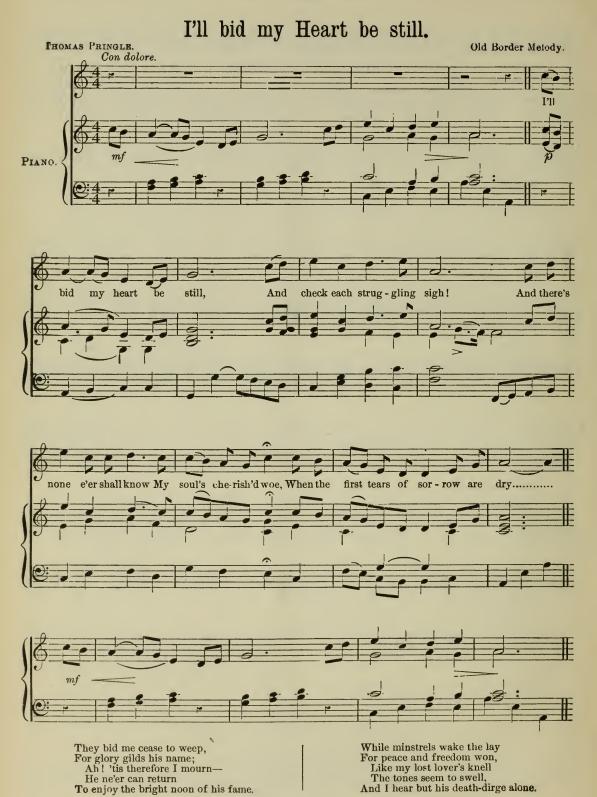
When my mither was gane, for a while I was wae, But a young chap was I, and a wife I maun hae; A wife I soon got, and I aye hae her yet, And the folks think thegither we're unco weel fit But my ain mind hae I, tho' I dawna speak o't, For mair than her gallop, I like my ain trot.

But my auld, &c.

Now our gilpie 10 young dochters 11 are looking for men,
And I'll be a grandsire or ever I ken;
The laddies are thinking on ruling the roost,
Their faither, puir body's, as deaf as a post,
But he sees their upsetting 12 sae crouse 13 and sae bauld,
Oh, why did I marry and wherefore grow auld.
But my auld, &c.

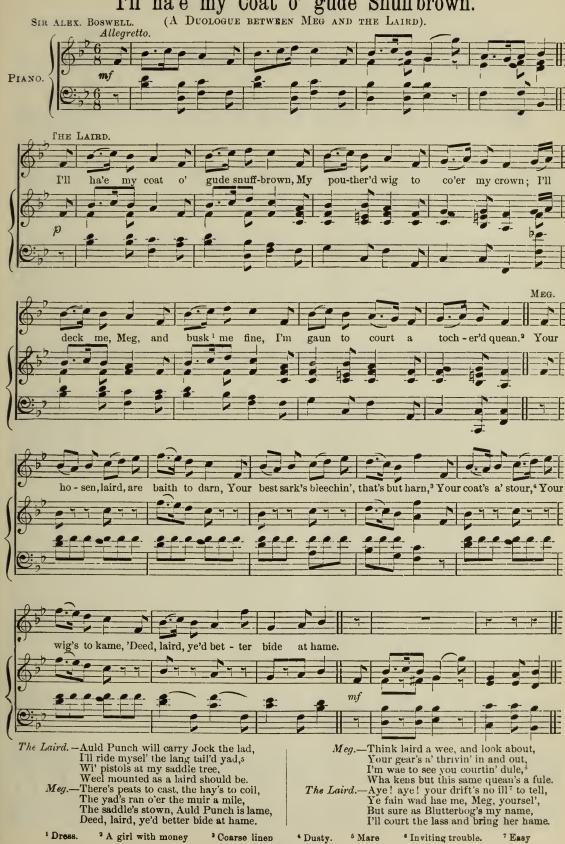
Unmarried. ² Chat. ³ Ale. ⁴ Jug of small beer.
 Prudent. ⁸ Neat as a pin. ⁹ Asked.
 Settling in life; setting up in business.

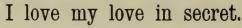
Heart-cheering.
 Since that time.
 Hoyden.
 Daughters.
 Courageous.

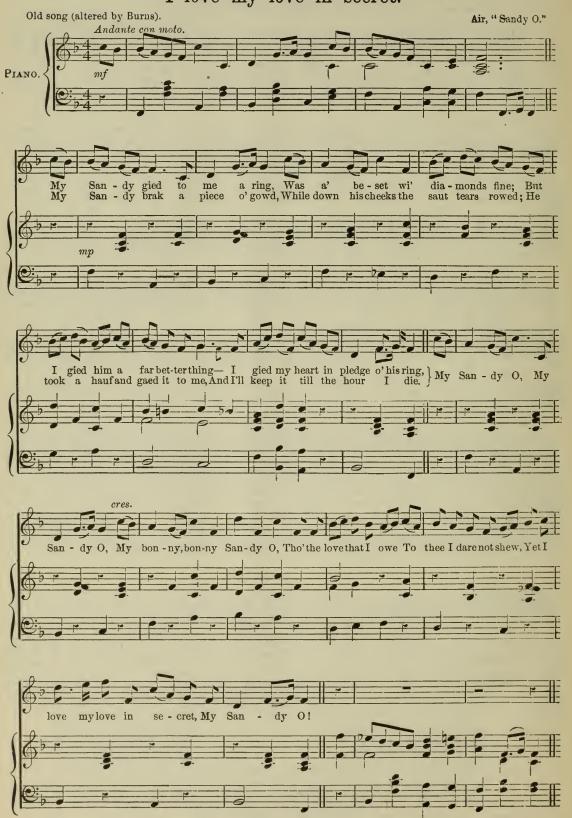


My cheek has lost its hue,
My eye grows faint and dim.
But 'tis sweeter to fade
In grief's gloomy shade,
Than to bloom for another than him.

I'll ha'e my Coat o' gude Snuffbrown.

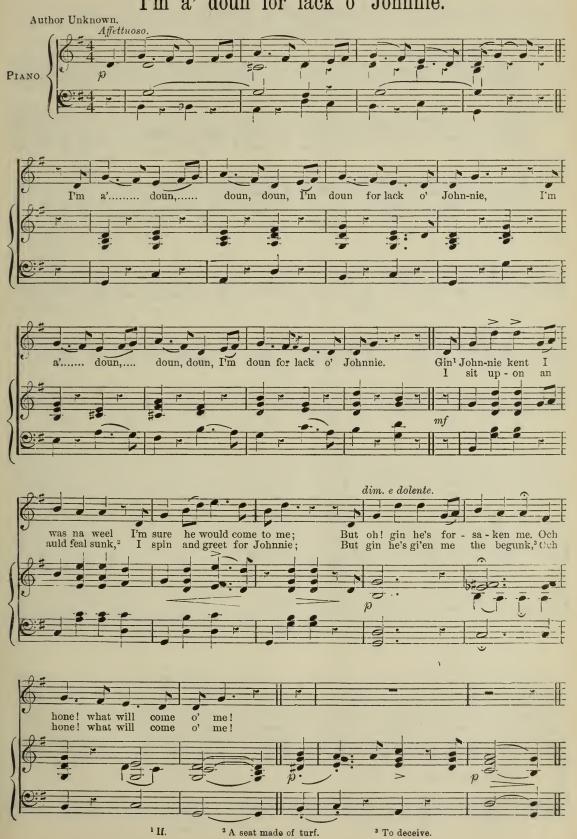






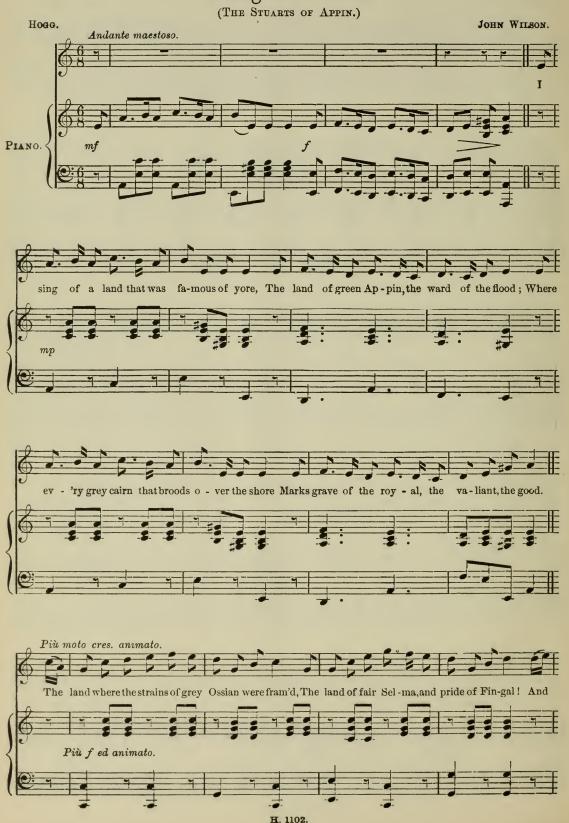
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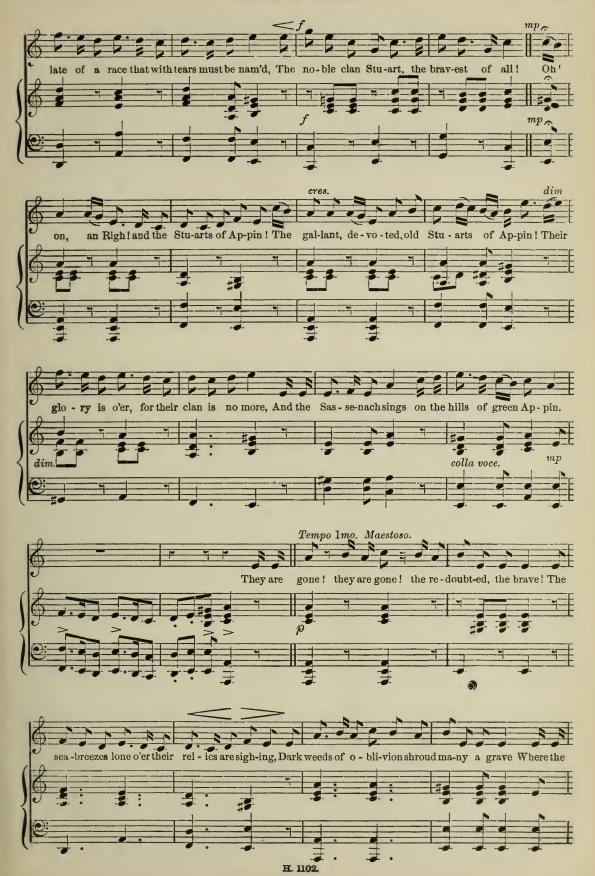
I'm a' doun for lack o' Johnnie.

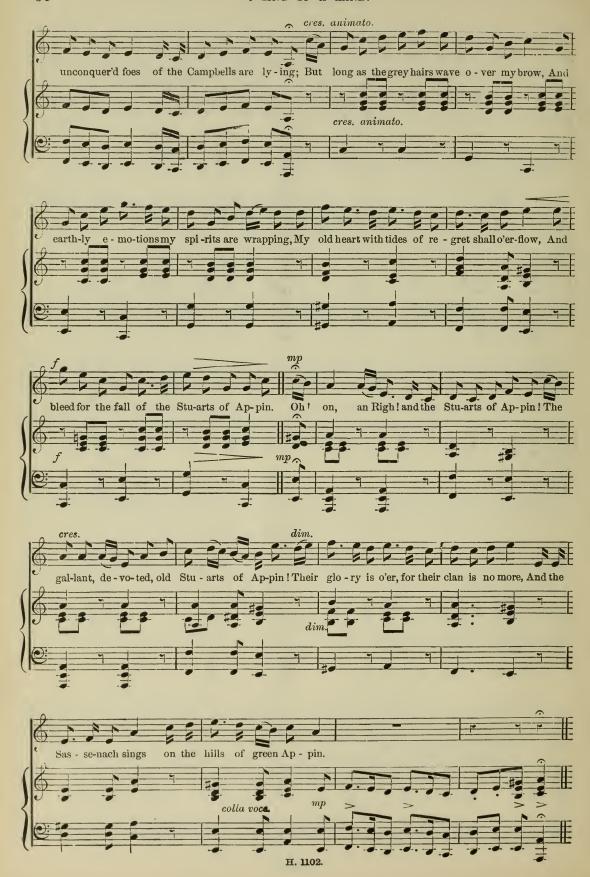


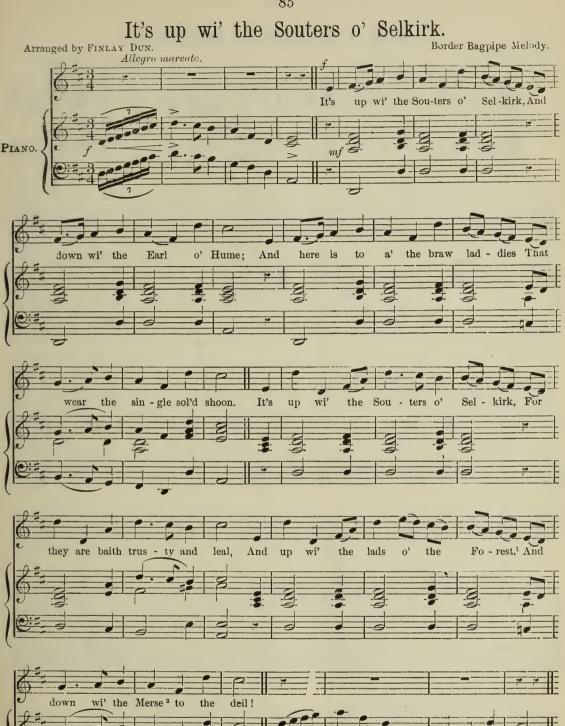
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I sing of a Land.









It's fye upon yellow and yellow, And fye upon yellow and green;3 But up wi' the true blue and scarlet, And up wi' the single soled shoon. It's up wi' the Souters o' Selkirk,

For they are baith trusty and leal;
And up wi' the men o' the Forest,
And down wi' the Merse to the deil.

"

Wha sings as he draws his thread;
"There's gallant Souters in Selkirk
As lang's there's water in Tweed." * Livery of the House of Hume.

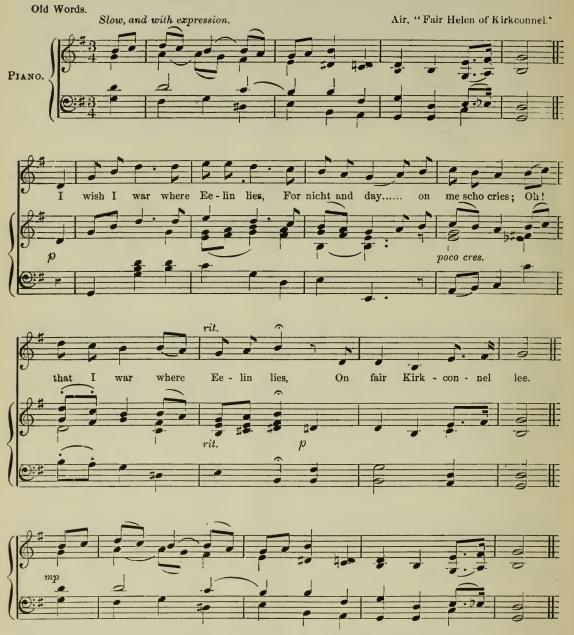
O! mitres are made for noddles,

And fame is as sib to Selkirk As licht is true to the moon. There sits a Souter in Selkirk,

But feet they are made for shoon,

¹ Selkirkshire, otherwise known as Ettrick Forest ³ Berwickshire, The Merse. H. 1102.

I wish I war where Eelin lies!



Curse on the hand that shot the shot, Likewise the gun that ga'e the crack; Fair Eelin, my arms scho lap, And died for love of me.

O think na ye my heart was sair To see her lie, and speak na mair! There did scho swoon, wi' mickle care, On fair Kirkconnel lee.

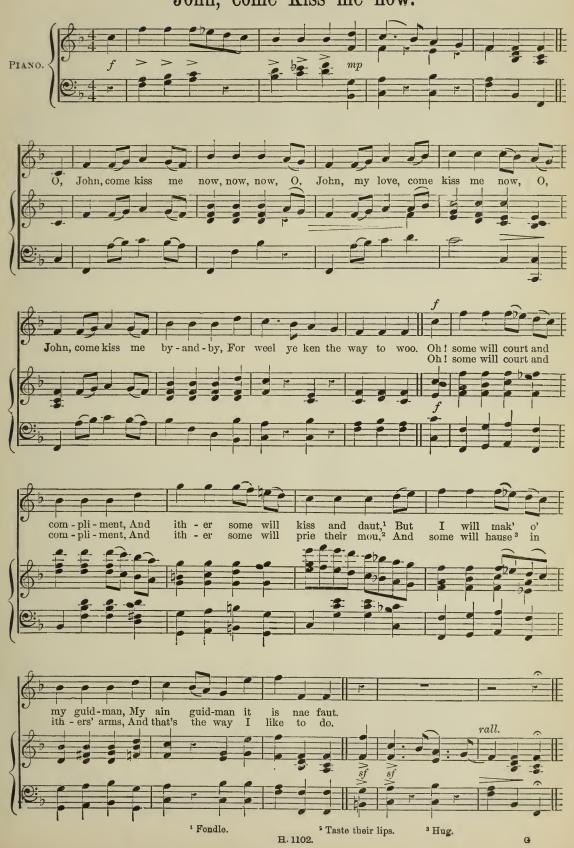
I loutit down, my sword did draw; I cuttit him in pieces sma'; I cuttit him in pieces sma' On fair Kirkconnel lee. O Eelin fair, without compare, I'll mack a garland of thy hair, And wear the same for evermair, Until the day 1 dee.

I wish my grave were growin' green, A winding-sheet put o'er my een, And I in Eelin's arms lyin' On fair Kirkconnel lee.

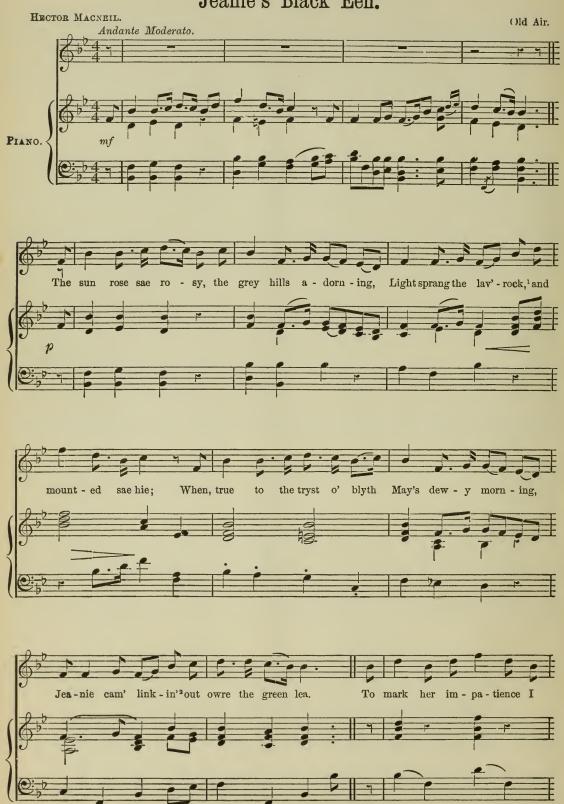
O Eelin chaste, thou wast modest; War I with thee I wad be blest; Where thou lies low, and tak'st thy res-On fair Kirkconnel lee.

I wish I war where Eelin lies, For nicht and day on me scho ories; I wish I war where Eelin lies, On fair Kirkconnel lee.

John, come Kiss me now.

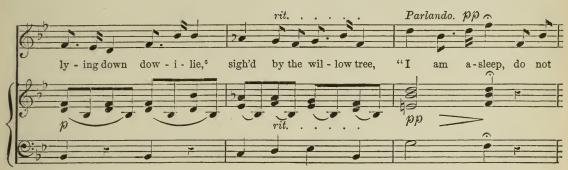


Jeanie's Black Een.



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Saft thro' the green birks I stole to my jewel, Streeked on Spring's carpet a' neath the saugh tree,

"Think na, dear lassie, that Willie's been cruel."
"I am asleep, do not waken me."

"Wi' love's warm sensations I've marked your impatience,

Lang hid midst the breckans I watch'd your black e'e; You're no sleeping, pawkie¹⁰ Jean, open that lovely e'e."

"I am asleep, do not waken me."

Bright is the whin's 11 bloom, ilk green knowe 18 adorning,

Sweet is the primrose, bespangled wi' dew; Yonder comes Peggy to welcome May morning, Dark wave her haffet-locks¹³ o'er her white brow.

O light, light she's dancin', treen on the gow'ny's green,

Barefoot and kilted half up to the knee; While Jeanie is sleeping still, I'll rin and sport my fill, "I was asleep, and ye've waken'd me."

I'll rin and whirl her round, Jeanie is sleeping sound,
Kiss her frae lug to lug, 15 no ane can see;
Sweet, sweet's her hinny mou'—" Will, I'm no sleeping noo;
I was asleep, but ye've waken'd me."
Laughing till like to drap, swith 16 to my Jean I lap, 17
Kiss'd her ripe roses, and blest her black e'e;
And aye since, whene'er we meet, sing, for the sound is sweet

And aye since, whene'er we meet, sing, for the sound is sweet, "I was asleep, and ye've waken'd me."

Lark. ² Tripping. ³ Crept.

⁹ Stretched. ⁹ Willow. ¹⁰ Sly.

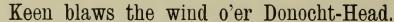
¹⁴ Covered with daisies.

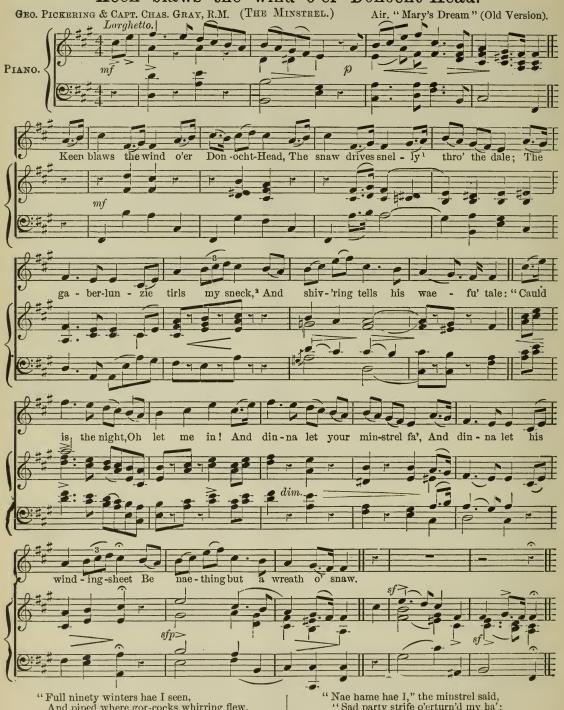
⁴ Ferns. ⁵ Well known.

¹¹ Furze. ¹² Hillock.

¹⁵ Ear to ear. ¹⁶ Instantly

Wearily. 7 Underwood. 13 Curls on the forehead. 17 Leapt.





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"Full ninety winters hae I seen, And piped where gor-cocks whirring flew, And many a day ye've danced, I ween, To lilts which frae my drone I blew."

My Eppie waked, and soon she cried— "Get up, gudeman, and let him in, For weel ye ken the winter night Was short when he began his din."

My Eppie's voice, Oh! vow, it's sweet! E'en though she bans and scaulds a wee; But when it's tuned to sorrow's tale,

Oh! haith, it's doubly dear to me!
"Come in, auld carle! I'll steer my fire,
And mak' it blaze a bonnie flame; Your blude is thin, ye've tint the gale, Ye should nae stray sae far frae hame."

1 Fast. ² Lifts my latch. "Sad party strife o'erturn'd my ha';

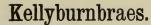
And, weeping, at the eve o' life I wander through a wreath o' snaw." "Wae's me, auld carle! sad is your tale—Your wallet's toom 3—your claithing thin

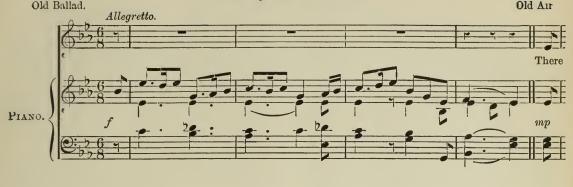
Mine's no the hand to steek 4 the door When want and wae would fain be in."

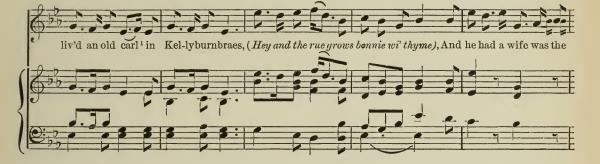
We took him ben-we set him down, And soon the ingle bleezed fu' hie; The auld man thought himself at hame, And dried the tear-drap frae his e'e. Once mair the minstrel waked a strain-Nae merry lilt, but sad and slow;

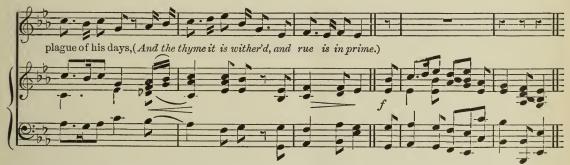
In fancy's ear it seem'd to wail A free-born nation's overthrow.

³ Empty 4 Bar









Ae day as the carl gaed up the lang glen, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
He met wi' the de'il, says "How do ye fen?"
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

"I've got a bad wife, sir, that's a' my complaint, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
For, saving your presence, to her you're a saint."
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

"It's neither your stot nor your staig I shall crave, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi thyme,)
But gie me your wife, man, for her I must have."
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

"O welcome, most kindly," the blythe carl said, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi thyme,) "But if ye can match her ye're waur than ye're ca'd." (And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

The de'il has got the auld wife on his back, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
And like a poor pedlar he's carried his pack.
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

He's carried her hame, where the pick o' his band (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme.)
Turn out on her guard in the clap of a hand.
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

The carlin and the rue grows bonnie wi thyme,)
Whaver she got hands on cam' near her nae mair.
(And the thyme it is withered, and rue is in prime)

The de'il he swore by the edge of his knife, (Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
He pitied the man that was tyed to a wife.
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime).

The Satan has travelled again wi'his pack,
(Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
And to her auld husband he's carried her back.
(And the thyme it is wither'd and rue is in vrime).

"A de'il I hae been for the feck o' my life,

(Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)

But ne'er was in torments till I met wi' your wife."

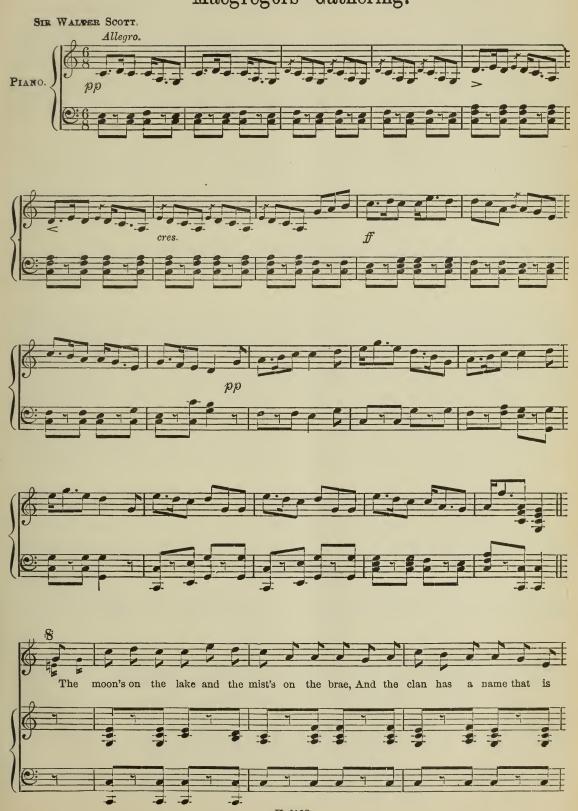
(And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime)

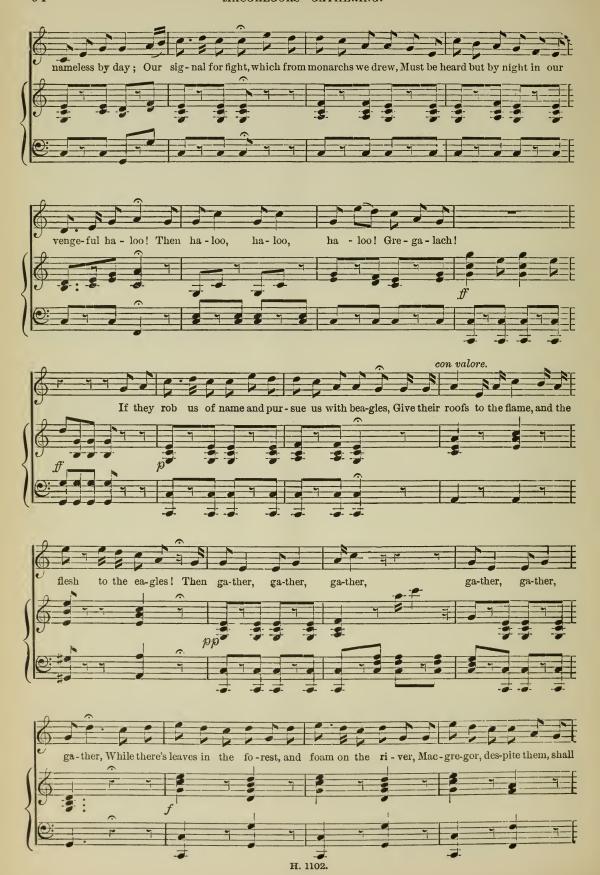
1 Old man. 2 Young ox.

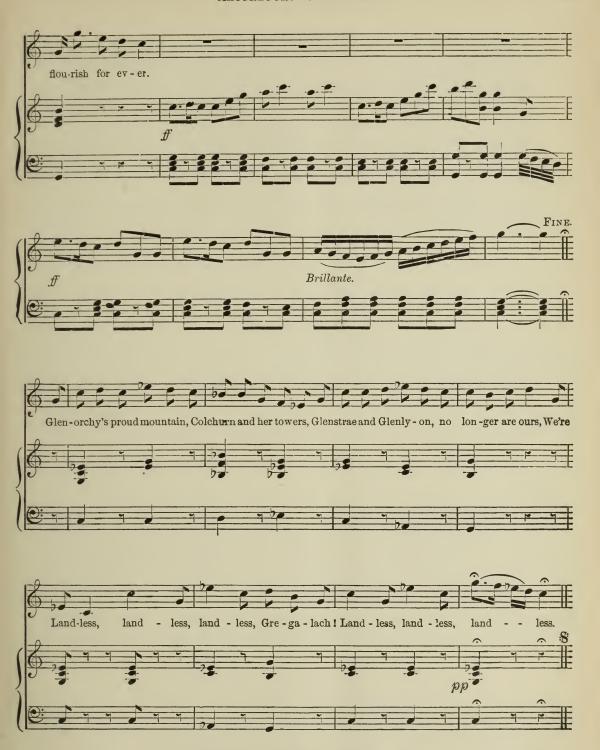
³ Young horse. ⁴ Old woman.



Macgregors' Gathering.

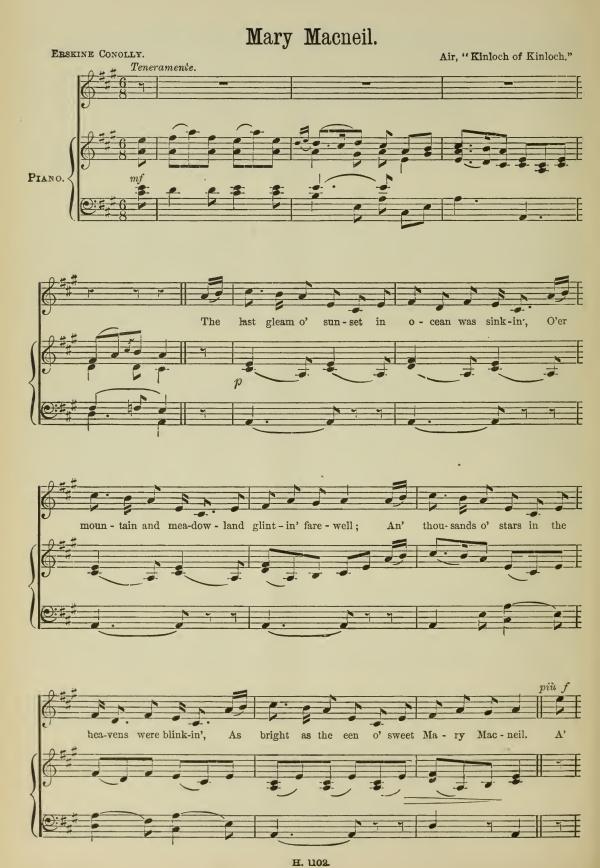


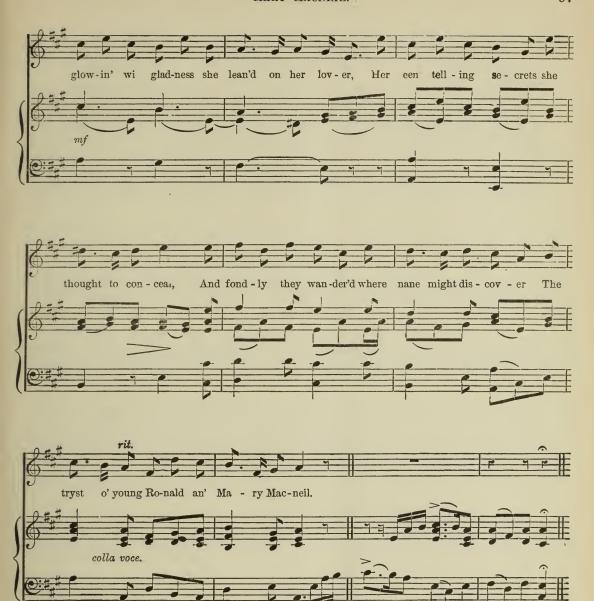




Thro' the depths of Loch Katrine the steed shall career; O'er the peak of Ben Lomond the galley shall steer; And the rocks of Craig Royston like icicles melt, Ere our wrongs be forgot or our vengeance unfelt.

Then haloo, haloo, haloo, Gregalach! If they rob us of name and pursue us with beagles, Give their roofs to the flame, and the flesh to the eagles! Then gather, gather, gather, gather, gather, gather! While there's leaves in the forest, and foam on the river, Macgregor, despite them, shall flourish for ever!

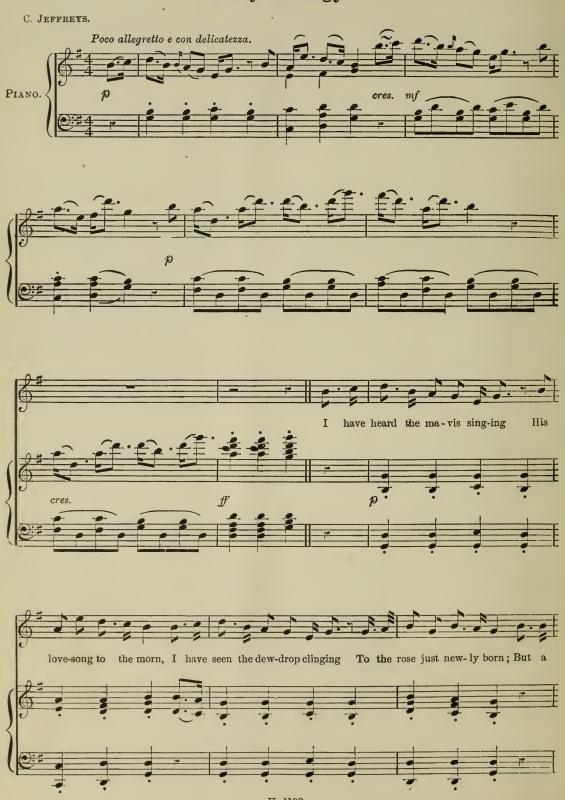




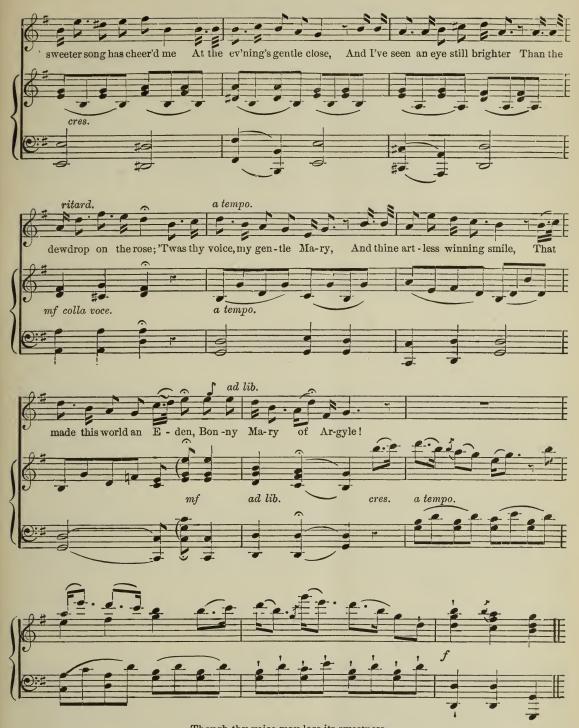
Oh! Mary was modest and pure as the lily,
That dew-draps o' mornin' in fragrance reveal;
Nae fresh bloomin' flow'ret in hill or in valley
Could rival the beauty of Mary Macneil.
She moved, and the graces play'd sportive around her,
She smiled, and the hearts o' the cauldest wad thrill;
She sang, and the mavis cam' listenin' in wonder,
To claim a sweet sister in Mary Macneil.

But ae bitter blast on its fair promise blawin',
Frae spring a' its beauty and blossoms will steal;
An' ae sudden blight on the gentle heart fa'in',
Inflicts the deep wound nothing earthly can heal.
The simmer saw Ronald on glory's path hiein'—
The autumn, his corse on the red battle-field,
The winter, the maiden found heart-broken, dyin';
An' spring, the green turf over Mary Macneil!

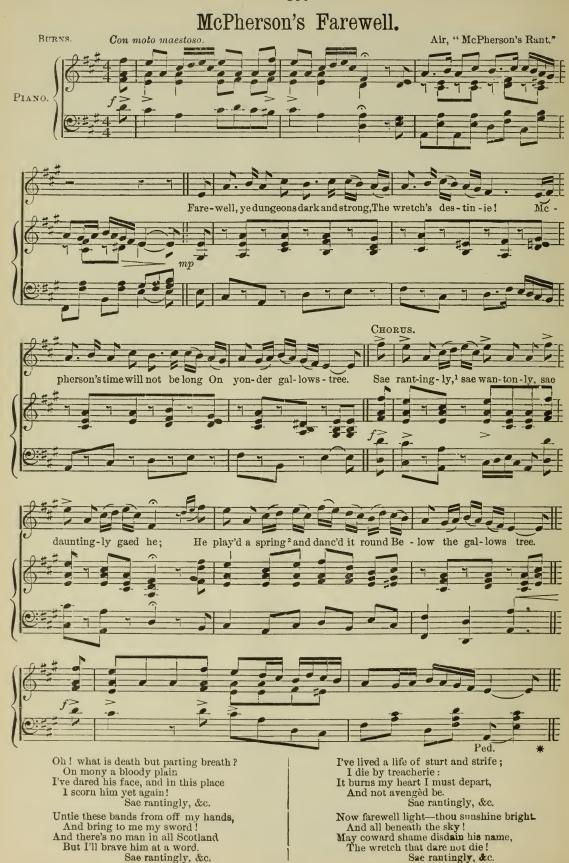
Mary of Argyle.



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Though thy voice may lose its sweetness,
And thine eye its brightness too;
Though thy step may lack its fleetness,
And thy hair its sunny hue:
Still to me wilt thou be dearer
Than all the world can own;
I have lov'd thee for thy beauty,
But not for that alone:
I have watch'd thy heart, dear Mary,
And its goodness was the wile,
That has made thee mine for ever,
Bonny Mary of Argyle.

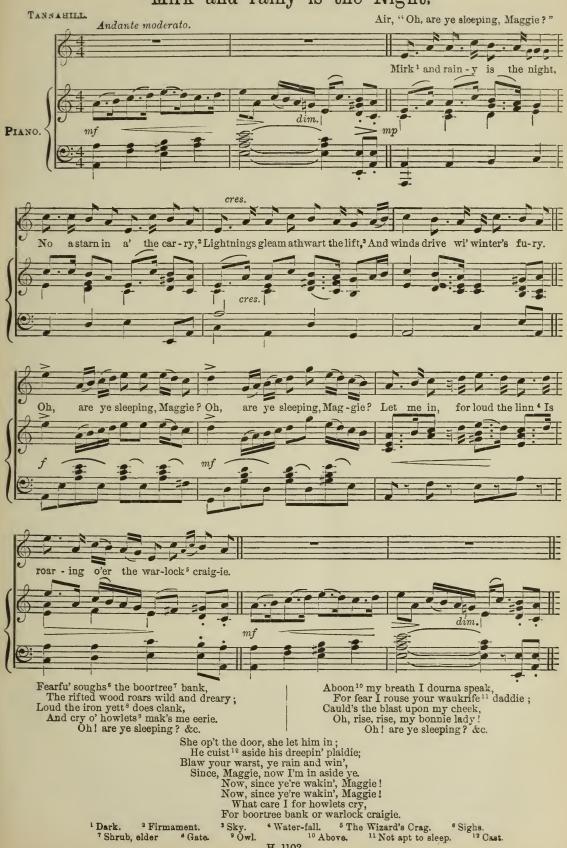


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" Cheerful tune.

1 Joyously.

Mirk and rainy is the Night.



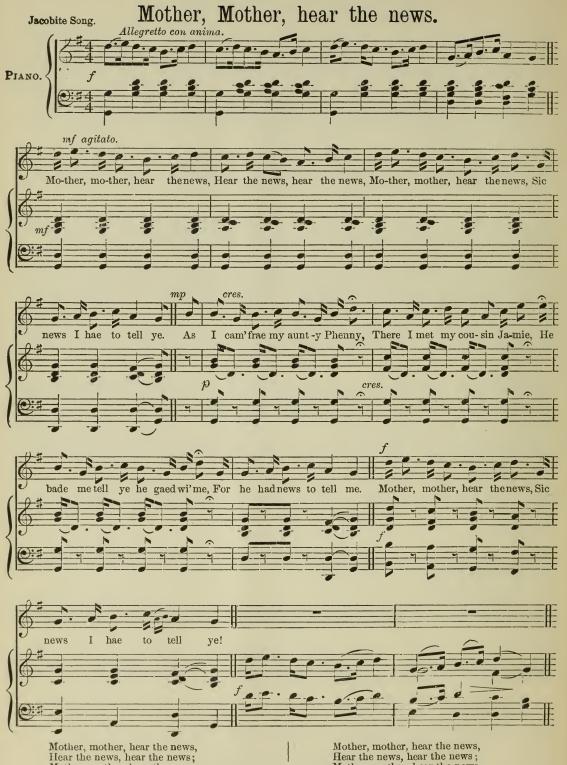
10 Above.

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12 Cast.

7 Shrub, elder

6 Gate.



Hear the news, hear the news;
Mother, mother, hear the news,
Signews I hae to tell ye.
The Whigs hae made anither King,
Some unco' wee bit German thing;
Some feather out o' Willie's wing,
Deil tak' them down below for't.
Mother, mother, hear the news,
Signews I hae notell ye!

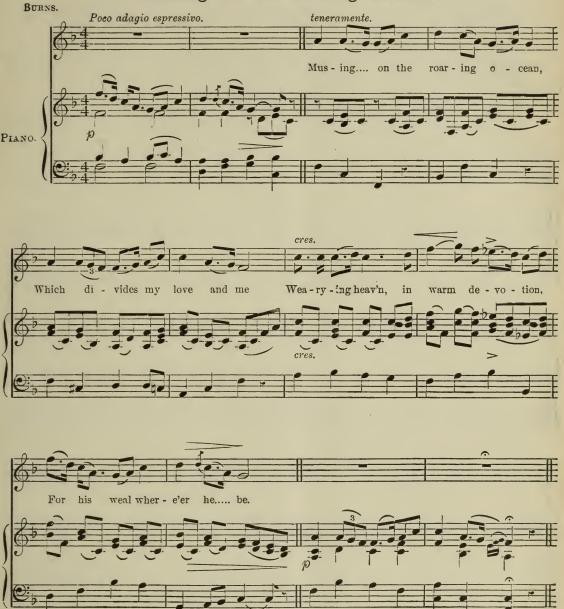
Hear the news, hear the news;
Mother, mother, hear the news,
Sic news I hae to tell ye.
Wi'rage it sets my heart alowe,
That on his ugly German pow
They've set our Prince's Crown! I vow
I wish their lugs may yell for't.
Mother, mother, hear the news,
Sic news I hae to tell ye!

1 In a flame.

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Ears.

Musing on the roaring Ocean.



Hope and fear's alternate billow Yielding late to Nature's law; Whispering spirits round my pillow Talk of him that's far awa'.

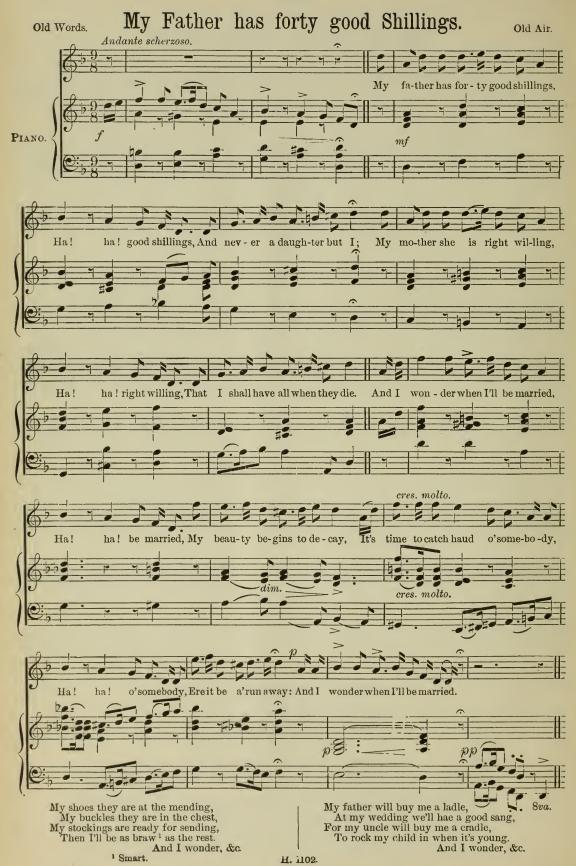
Ye whom sorrow never wounded, Ye who never shed a tear, Care-untroubled, joy-surrounded, Gaudy day to you is dear.

Gentle night, do thou befriend me!

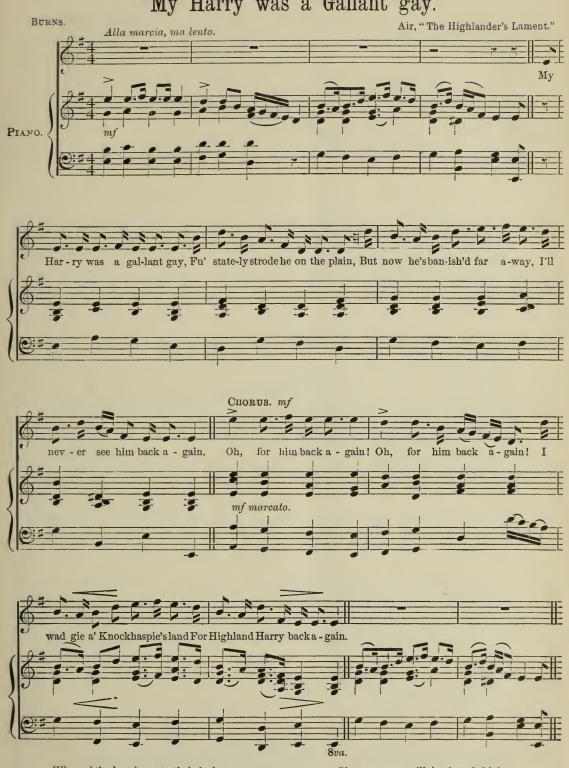
Downy sleep, the curtain draw!

Spirits kind, again attend me,

Talk of him that's far awa!



My Harry was a Gallant gay.



When a' the lave 1 gae to their bed, I wander dowie 2 up the glen; I set me down and greet my fill, And aye I wish him back again. Oh, for him, &c.

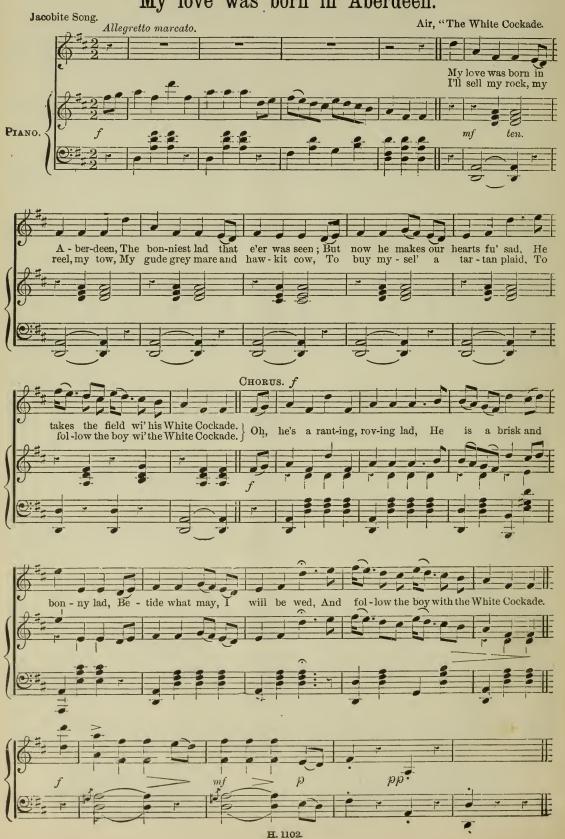
Rest of the household.

Oh, were some villains hangit high, And ilka body had their ain! Then I might see the joyfu' sight, My Highland Harry back again. Oh, for him, &c.

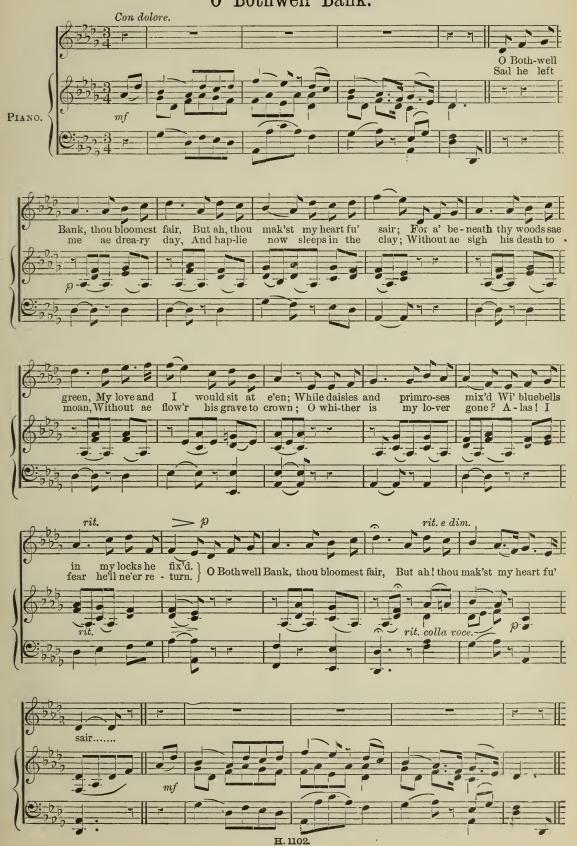
² Sadly.

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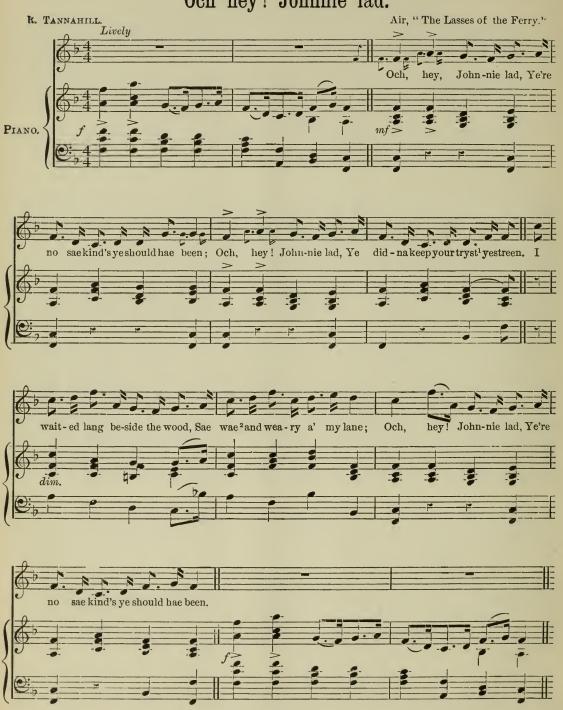
My love was born in Aberdeen.



O Bothwell Bank.



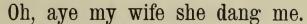
Och hey! Johnnie lad.

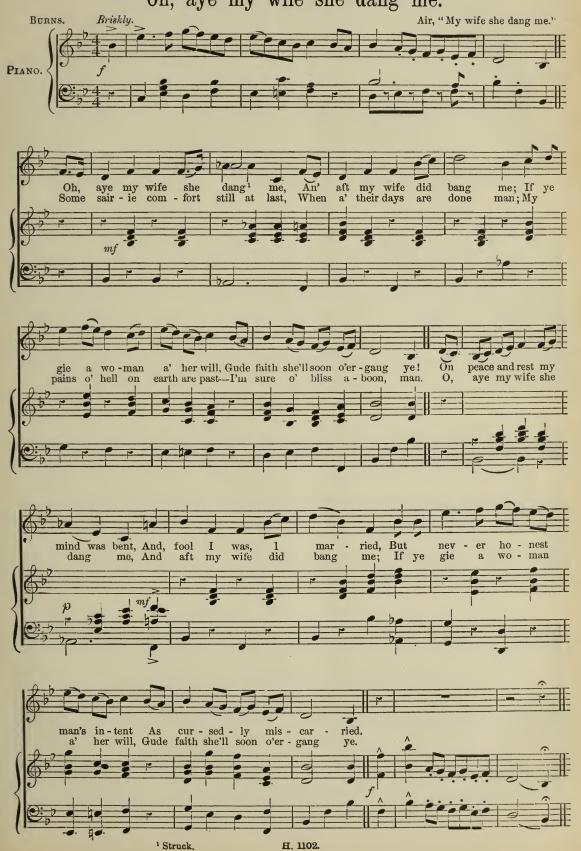


I looked by the whinny knowe,
I looked by the firs sae green,
I looked owre the spunkie howe 3—
And aye I thought ye wad hae been.
The ne'er a supper crossed my craig, 4
The ne'er a sleep has closed my eer,
Och, hey! Johnnie lad,
Ye're no sae kind's ye should hae been.

Gin ye were waiting by the wood,
Then I was waiting by the thorn—
I thought it was the place we set,
And waited maist till dawning morn.
Sae be na vex'd, my bonnie lassie,
Let my waiting stand for thine,
We'll awa' to Craigton Shaw,
And seek the joys we tint 5 yestreen.

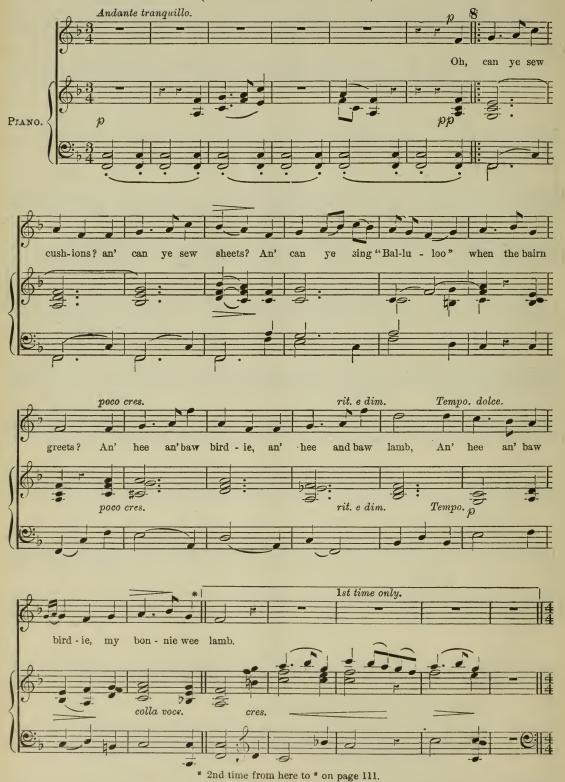
¹ Tryst; Engagement to meet. ² Sad. ³ Hollow ground haunted by the 1gn1s fatuus. ⁴ Throat. ⁵ Lost

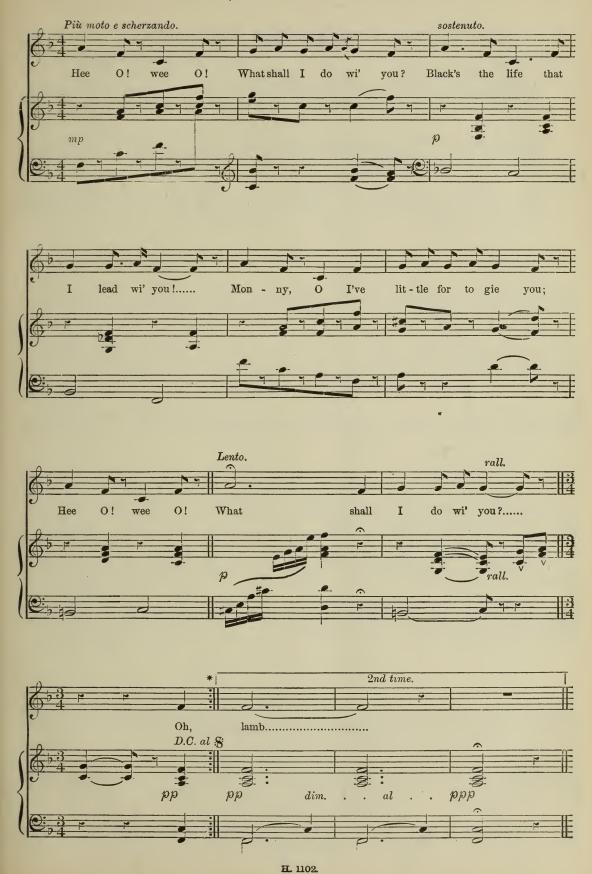




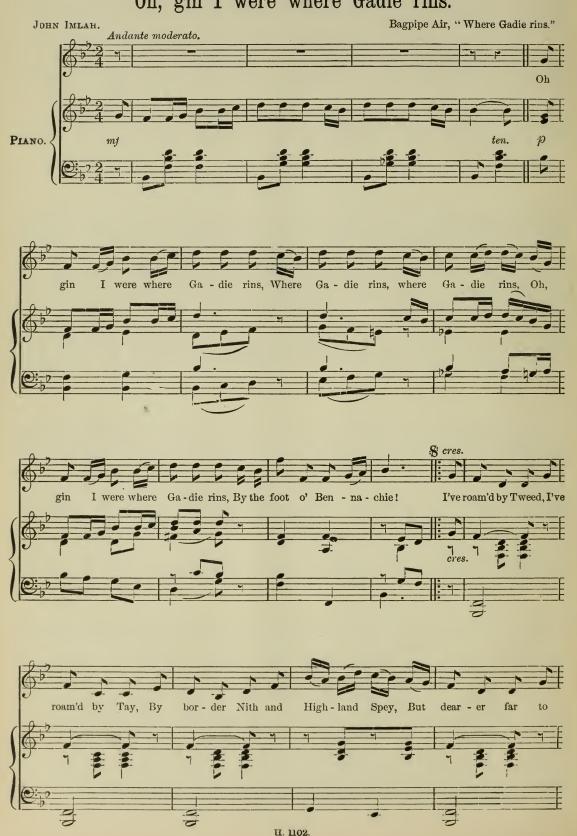
Oh, can ye sew Cushions?

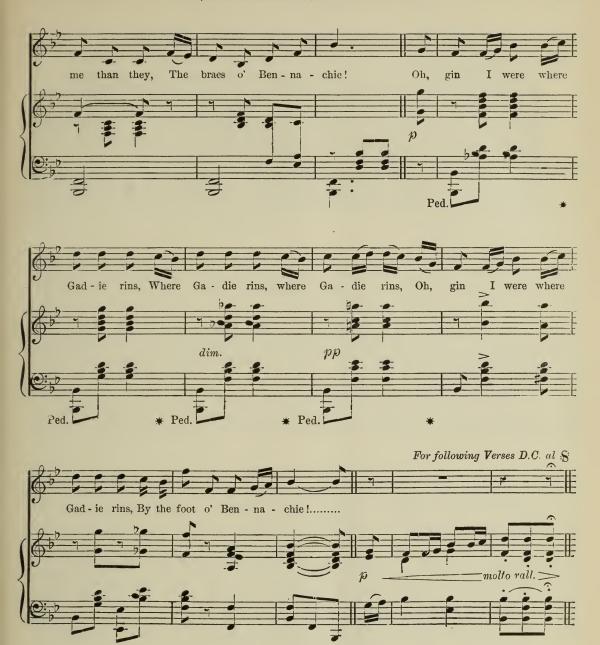
(OLD HIGHLAND CRADLE SONG.)





Oh, gin I were where Gadie rins.





When simmer cleads the varied scene—Wi' licht o' gowd and leaves o' green, I fain wad be where aft I've been—At the foot o' Bennachie!

O gin I were, &c.

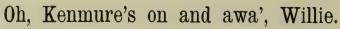
When winter winds blaw sharp and shrill,
O'er icy burn and sheeted hill,
The ingle neuk is gleesome still
At the foot o' Bennachie!
O gin I were, &c.

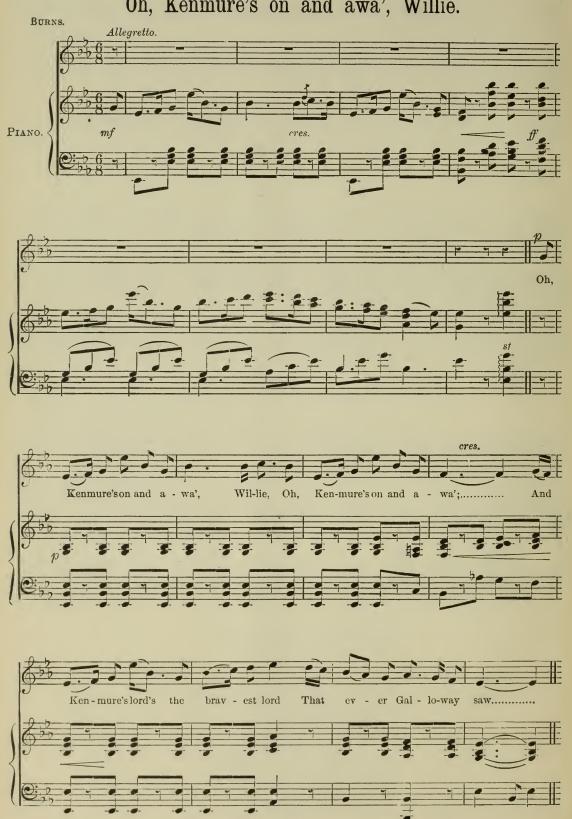
Though few to welcome me remain; Though a' I loved are dead and gane; I'll back, though I should live alane,

To the foot o' Bennachie!

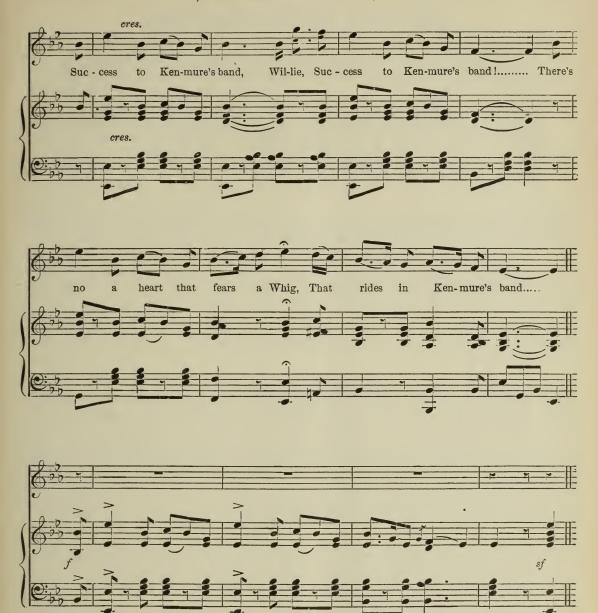
O gin 1 were, &c.

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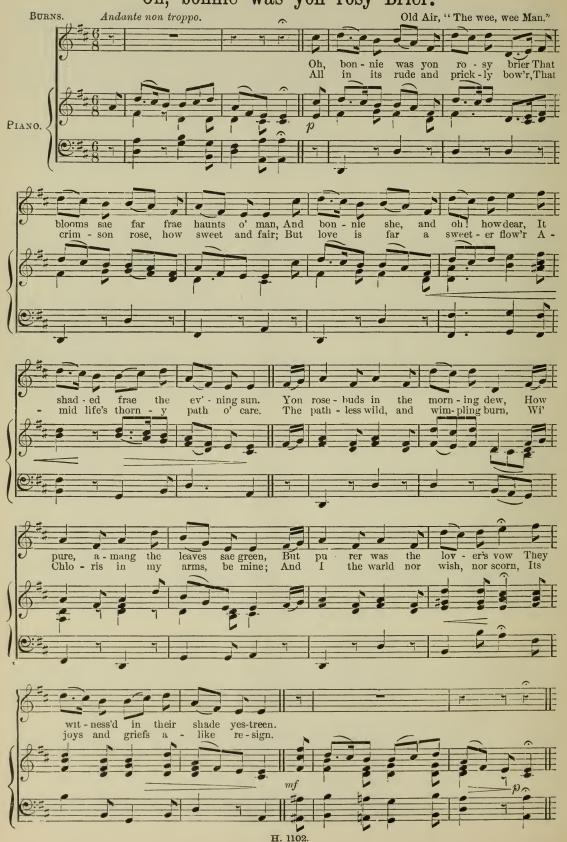
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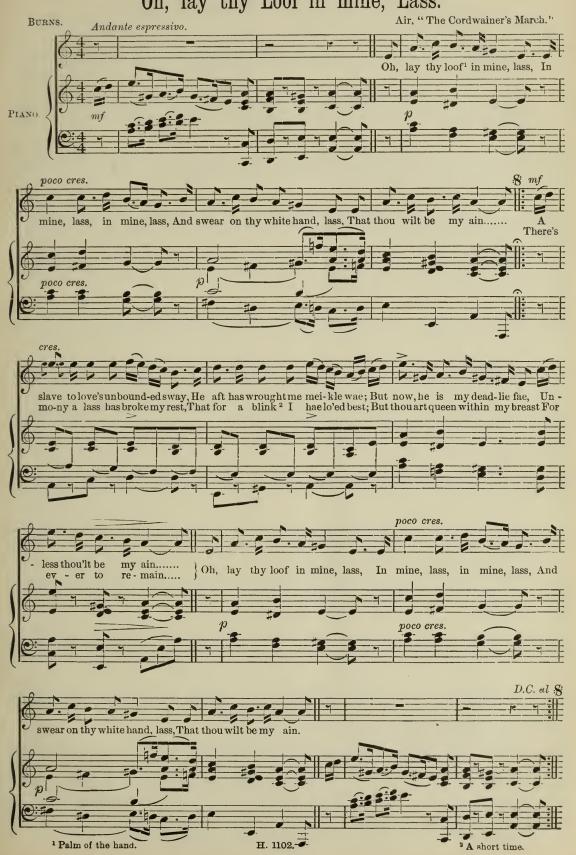
Here's Kenmure's health in wine, Willie,
Here's Kenmure's health in wine;
There ne'er was a coward o' Kenmure's blude,
Nor yet o' Gordon's line.
Oh, Kenmure's lads are men, Willie,
Oh, Kenmure's lads are men;
Their hearts and swords are metal true,
And that their foes shall ken.

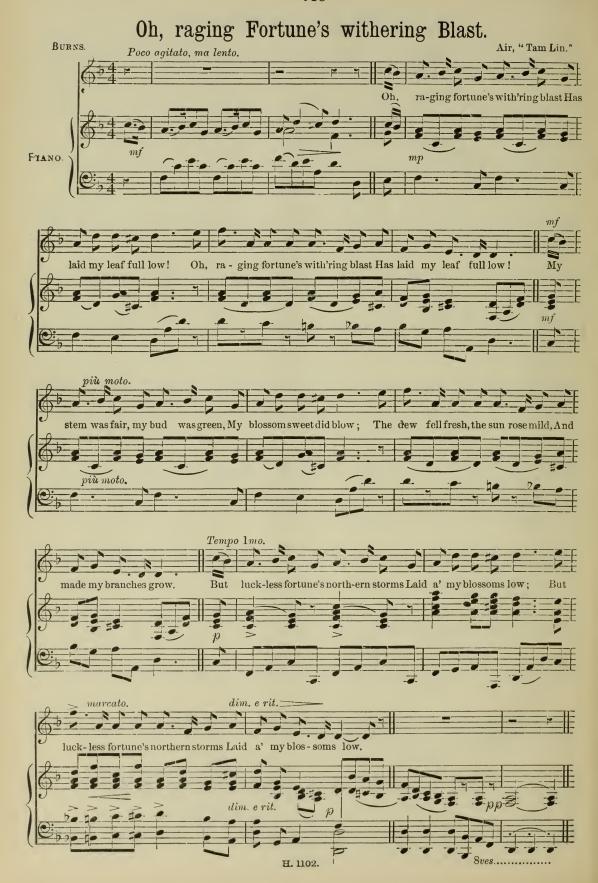
They'll live or die wi' fame, Willie,
They'll live or die wi' fame;
But soon, wi' sounding victorie,
May Kenmure's lord come hame!
Here's him that's far awa', Willie,
Here's him that's far awa';
And here's the flower that I lo'e best,
The rose that's like the snaw.

Oh, bonnie was yon rosy Brier.

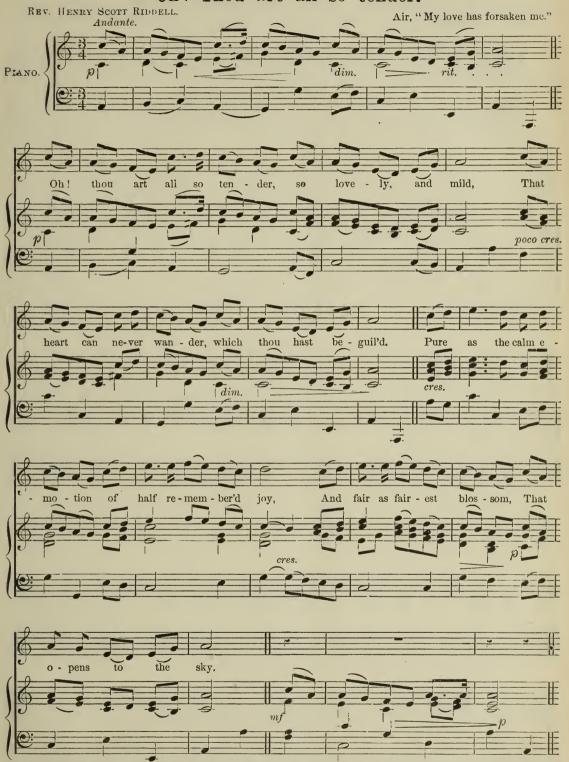


Oh, lay thy Loof in mine, Lass.





Oh! Thou art all so tender.

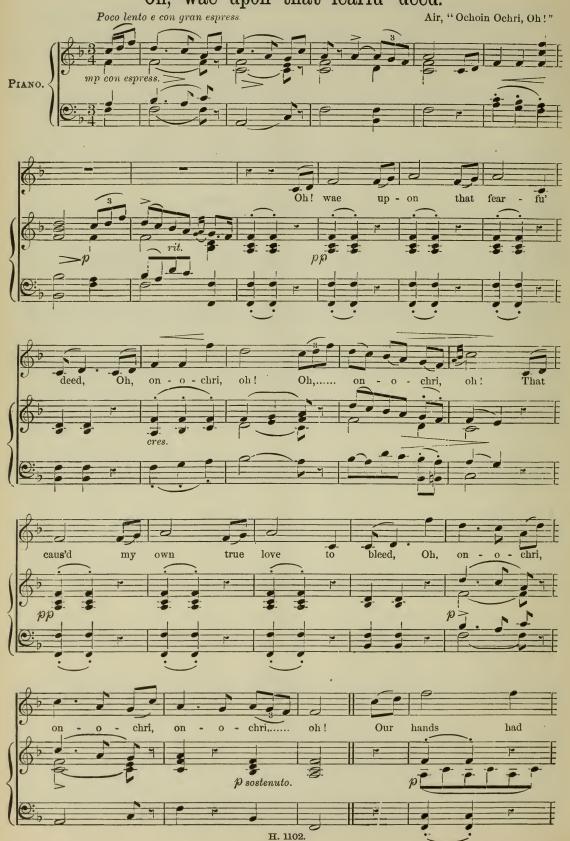


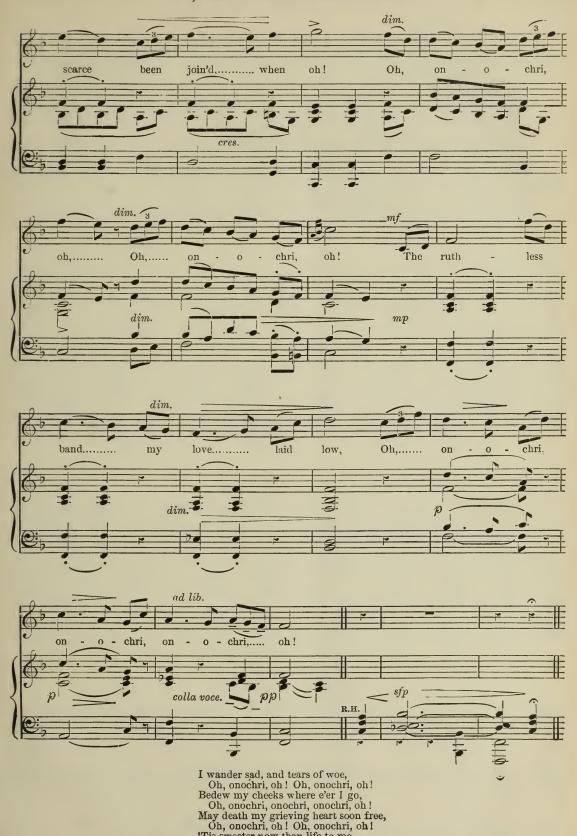
Though long and deep my sorrow, all lonely thus may be, Oh! still my heart shall borrow a ray of joy from thee! To thee the charms seem given of earth that never sprung, The melting bymns of heaven are round thy spirit sung.

Then let thy form be near me, that I that form may see, I've tried to live, but eerie, I cannot live from thee; Nor grudge deep kindness either, to sooth me when I sigh, I know thou'lt give it rather than thou would'st see me dig

Though mine thou may'st be never, and ceaseless woes betide, Still nought on earth shall ever my love from thee divide; My mind may cease to cherish the hope of bliss to be. But of the hopes that perish the last shall breathe of thee.

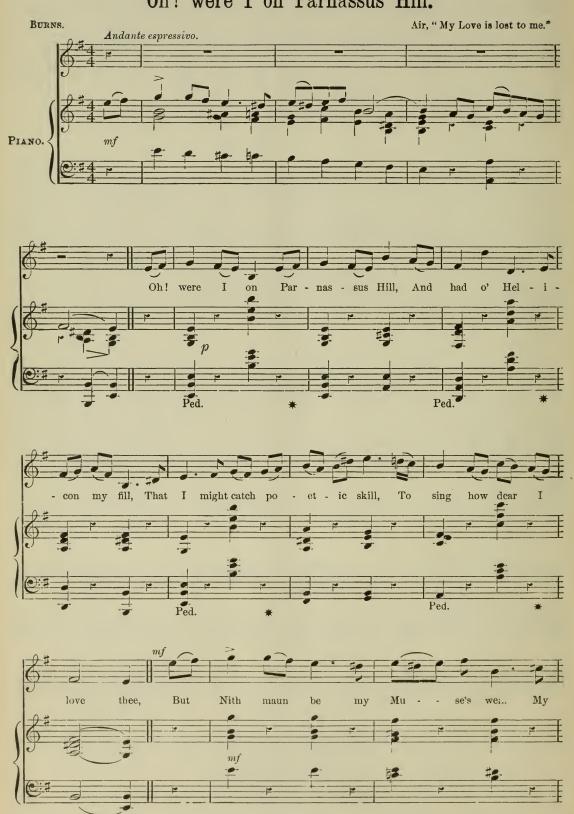
Oh, wae upon that fearfu' deed.



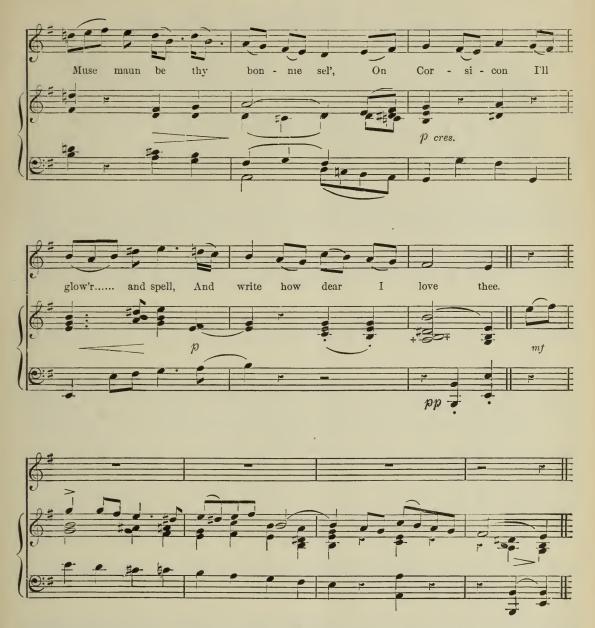


'Tis sweeter now than life to me, Oh, onochri, onochri, onochri, oh!

Oh! were I on Parnassus Hill.

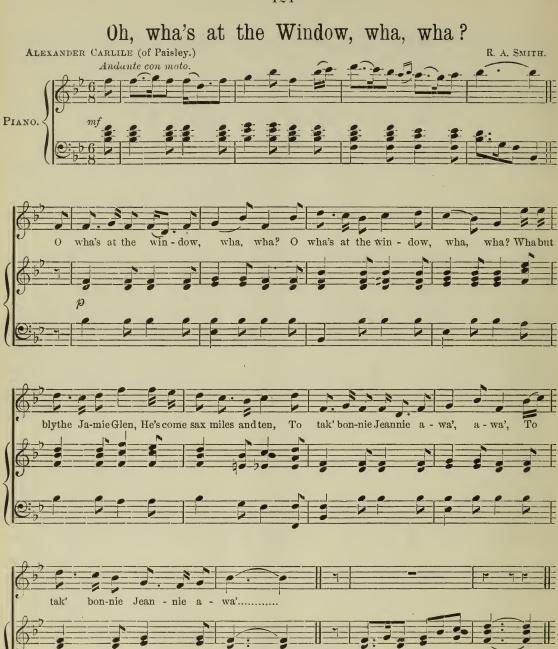


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Then come, sweet Muse, inspire my lay
For a' the lee-lang simmer's day,
I couldna sing, I couldna say
How much, how dear I love thee.
I see thee dancing over the green,
Thy waist sae jimp, thy limbs sae clean,
Thy tempting lips, thy roguish een—
By heaven and earth I love thee.

By night, by day—a-field, at hame—
The thoughts of thee my breast inflame!
And aye I muse and sing thy name—
I only live to love thee.
Though I were doomed to wander on,
Beyond the sea, beyond the sun,
Till my last weary sand was run,
Till then—and then I'll love thee.



He has plighted his troth, and a', and a', Leal love to gi'e, and a', and a';

And say has she dune,

By a' that's abune, For he lo'es her, she lo'es him, 'bune a', 'bune a', He lo'es her, she lo'es him, 'bune a'.

Bridal maidens are braw, are braw, Bridal maidens are braw, are braw;

But the bride's modest e'e, And warm cheek are to me,

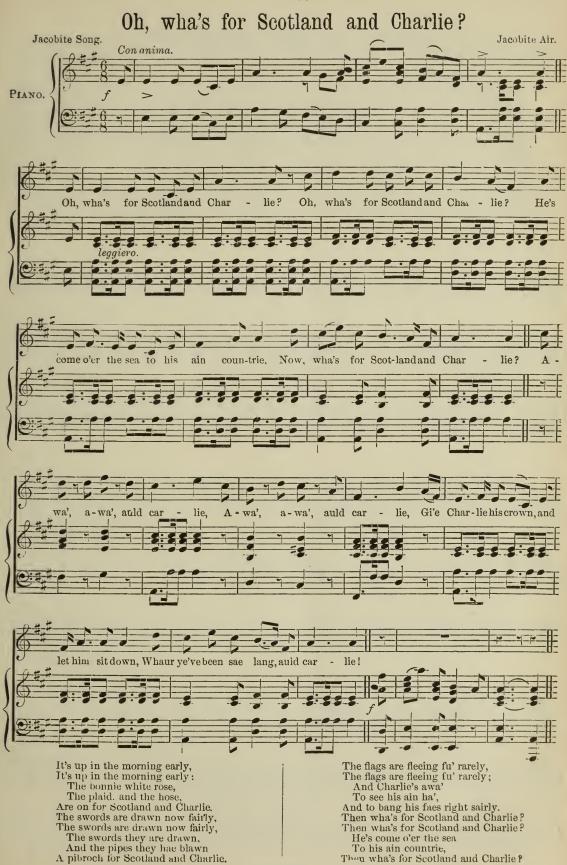
'Bune pearlins and brooches, and a', and a', 'Bune pearlins and brooches, and a'.

There's mirth on the green, in the ha', the ha, There's mirth on the green, in the ha', the ha';
There's laughing, there's quaffing,
There's jesting, there's daffing,
And the bride's father's blythest of a', of a',
And the bride's father's blythest of a'.

It's no' that she's Jamie's ava, ava, It's no' that she's Jamie's ava, ava

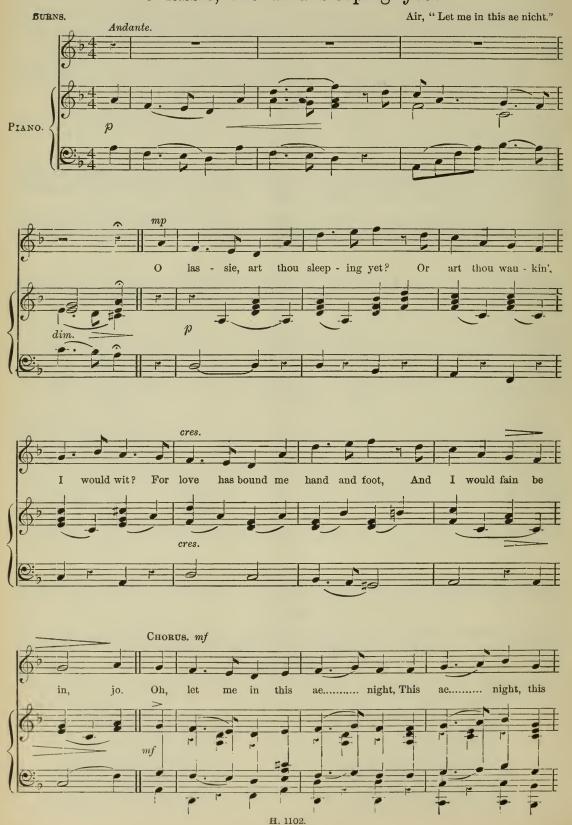
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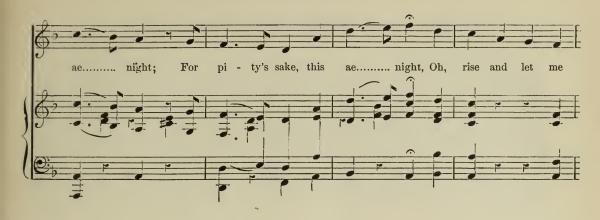
That my heart is sae cerie, When a' the lave's cheerie, But it's just that she'll aye be awa', awa. It's just that she'll aye be awa'.



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O lassie, art thou sleeping yet?







Thou hear'st the winter wind and weet,
Nae star blinks through the driving sleet;
Tak' pity on my wearie feet,
And shield me frae the rain, jo.
Oh, let me in, &c.

The bitter blast that round me blaws, Unheeded howls, unheeded fa's; The cauldness o' thy heart's the cause O' a' my grief and pain, jo.

Oh, let me in, &c.

HER ANSWER.*

Oh, tell na me of wind and rain, Upbraid na me with cauld disdain! Gae back the gate ye cam' again, I winna let you in, jo.

I tell you now, this ae night,
This ae, ae, ae, night;
And, ance for a', this ae night,
I winna let you in, jo.

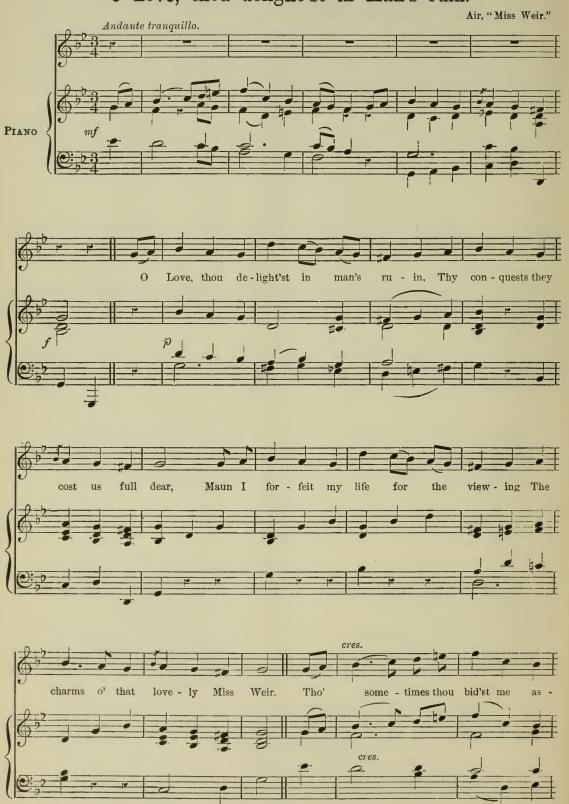
The snellest blast, at mirkest hours,
That round the pathless wand'rer pours,
Is naught to what poor she endures,
That trusted faithless man, jo.
I tell you now, &c.

The sweetest flow'r that decked the mead, Now trodden like the vilest weed, Let simple maid the lesson read, The weird may be her ain, jo. I tell you now, &c.

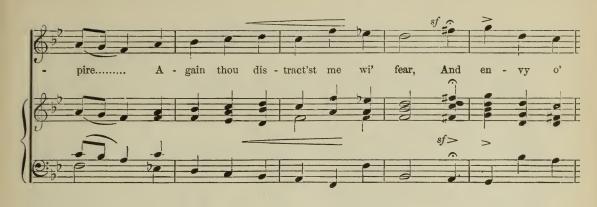
The bird that charm'd his summer day,
Is now the cruel fowler's prey;
Let witless, trusting woman say,
How aft her fate's the same, jo.
I tell you now, &c.

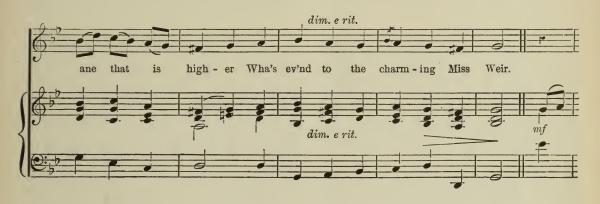
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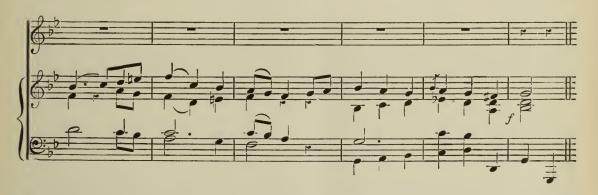
O Love, thou delight'st in Man's ruin.



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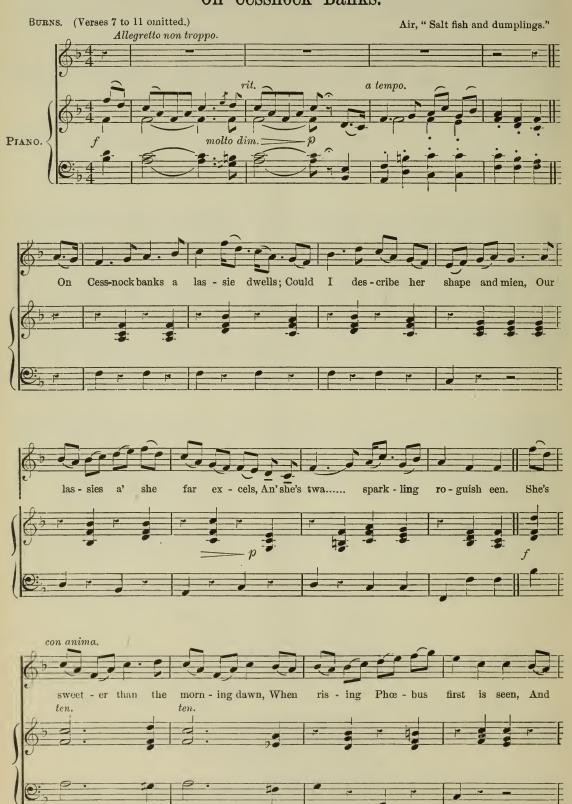




As down in yon valley a-walking
Whare nae christened creature was near,
The birds all around me were talking
O' naething but charming Miss Weir.
That sweet little bird ca'd the linnet,
In accents delightfully dear,
Declared to the world, that within it
Was nought like the lovely Miss Weir.

O Cupid! my head it is muddy,
I wish it may ever be clear,
For ay, when I sit down to study,
My mind rins on charming Miss Weir.
I'm lost like a ship on the ocean,
That kens na what course for to steer;
Yet at times I'm as vain in my notion
As hope for the lovely Miss Weir.

On Cessnock Banks.



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She's stately, like yon youthful ash,

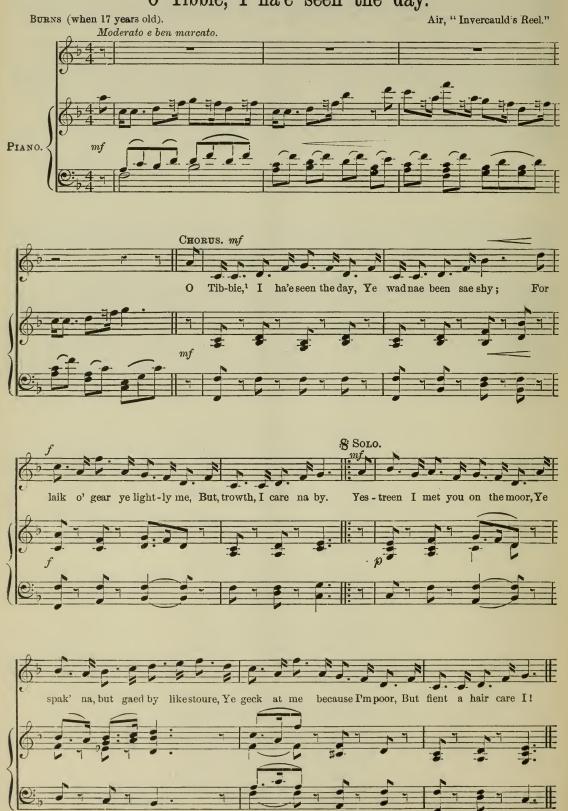
That grows the cowslip braes between,
And drinks the stream with vigour fresh.
An' she's twa sparkling, roguish een.
She's spotless, like the flowering thorn,
With flowers so white and leaves so green,
When purest in the dewy morn;
An' she's twa sparkling roguish een.

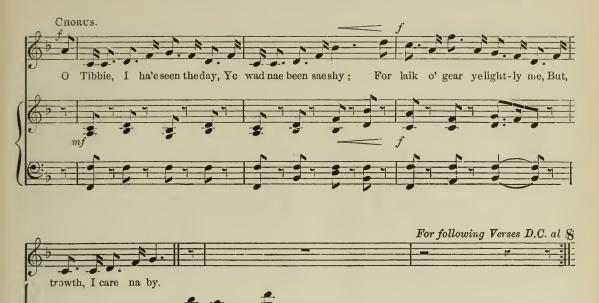
Her looks are like the vernal May,
When evening Phœbus shines serene,
While birds rejoice on every spray;
An' she's twa sparkling, roguish een.
Her hair is like the curling mist,
That climbs the mountain-sides at e'en,
When flower-reviving rains are past;
An' she's twa sparkling, roguish een.

Her voice is like the evening thrush,

That sings on Cessnock banks unseen,
While his mate sits nestling in the bush;
An' she's twa sparkling, roguish een.
But it's not her air, her form, her face,
Though matching Beauty's fabled queen;
Tis the mind that shines in every grace,
An' chiefly in her roguish een.

O Tibbie, I ha'e seen the day.





I doubt na, lass, but ye may think, Because ye ha'e the name o' clink, That ye can please me at a wink, Whene'er you like to try,

But sorrow tak' him that's sae mean, Although his pouch o' coin were clean, Wha follows such a saucy quean, That looks sae proud and high.

Although a lad were e'er sae smart,
If that he want the yellow dirt,
Ye'll cast your head anither airt,
And answer him fu' dry.

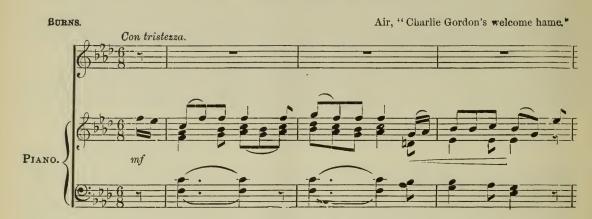
But if he ha'e the name o' gear, Ye'll fasten to him like a brier, Though hardly he, for sense or lear, Be better than the kye.

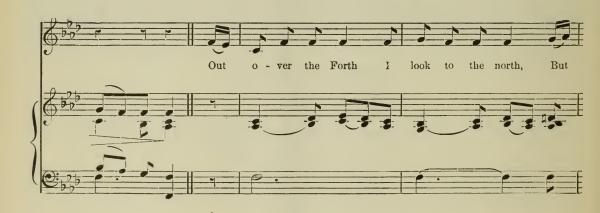
But, Tibbie, lass, tak' my advice: Your daddie's gear mak's you sae nice; The de'il a ane wad spier your price, Were ye as poor as I.

There lives a lass in yonder park, I would nae gi'e her in her sark For thee, wi' a' thy thousan' mark! Ye need na look sae high.

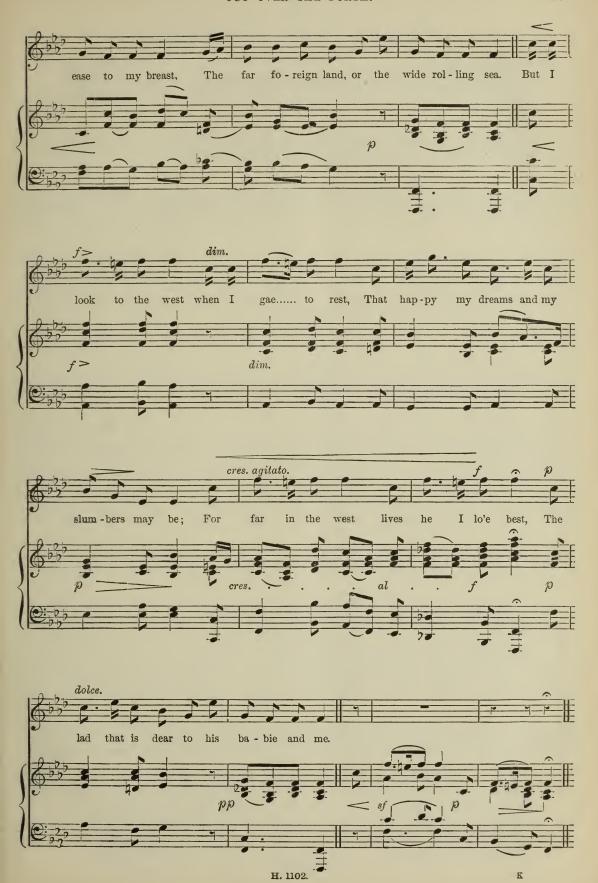
[&]quot; "Tibbie" was the daughter of a portioner of Kyle—1.e., the proprietor of three acres of peat-moss— who thought herself rich enough to treat a ploughman with contempt.

Out over the Forth.

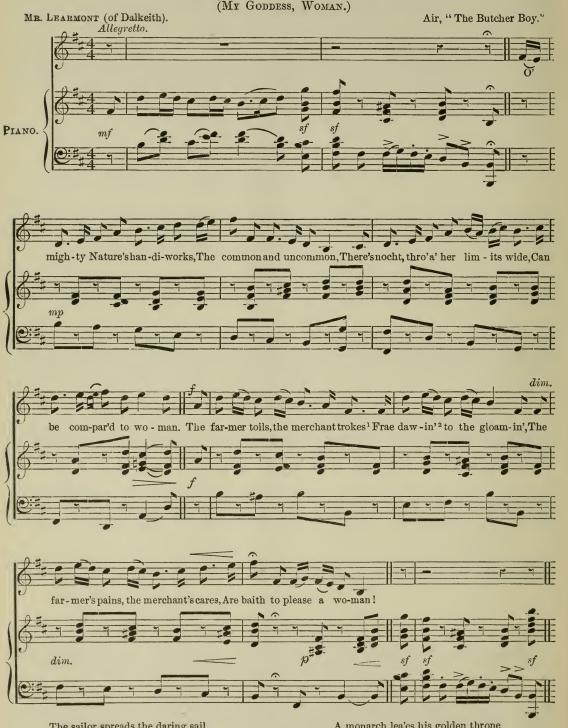








O' mighty Nature's handiworks. (MY GODDESS, WOMAN.)



The sailor spreads the daring sail,
Thro' angry seas a foaming;
The jewels, gems o' foreign shores,
He gi'es to please a woman.
The sodger fights o'er crimson fields,
In distant climates roaming;
Yet lays wi' pride his laurels down

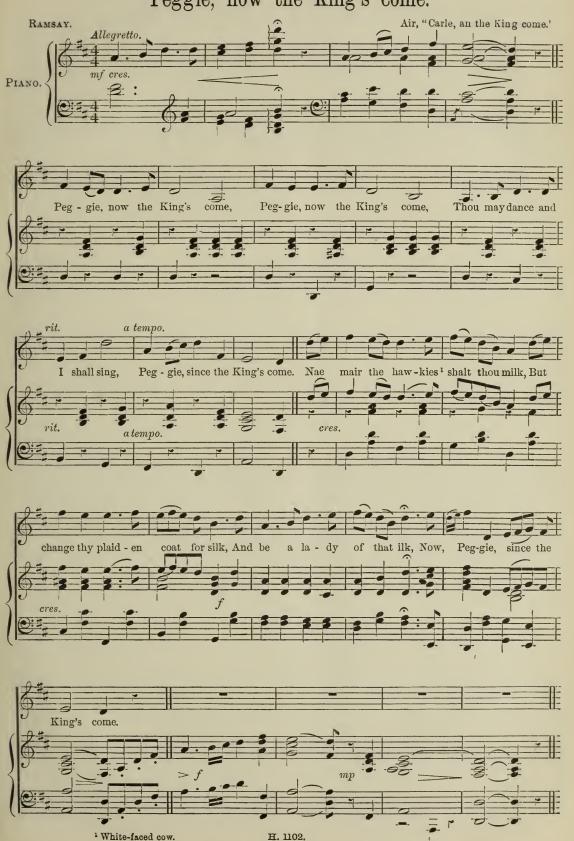
Before all-conquering woman.

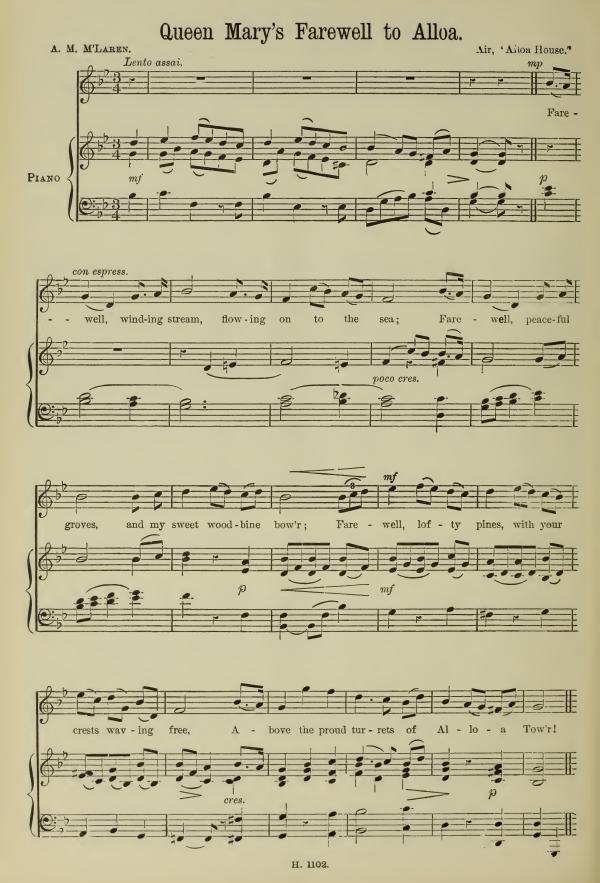
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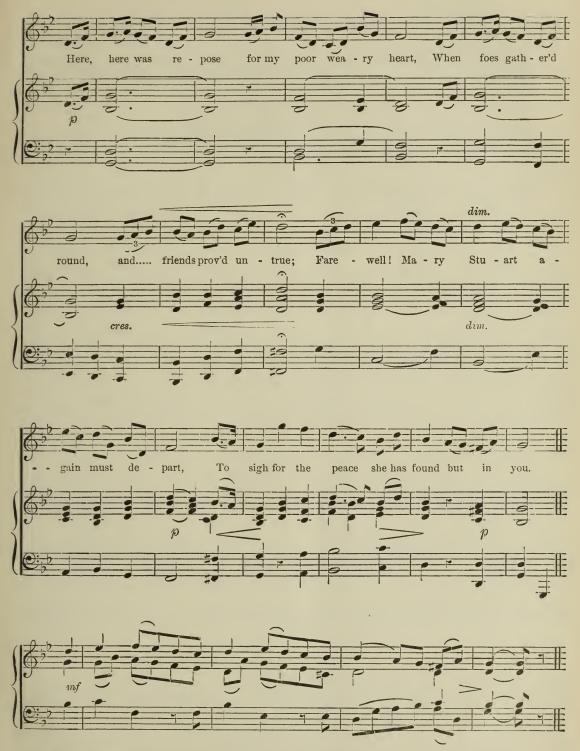
² Sunrise H. 1102. A monarch lea'es his golden throne
Wi' other men in common;
He flings aside his crown, and kneels
A subject to a woman.
Tho' I had a' e'er man possessed,
Barbarian, Greek, or Roman;
It wad nae a' be worth a strae 3
Without my goddess, woman.

3 Straw.

Peggie, now the King's come.





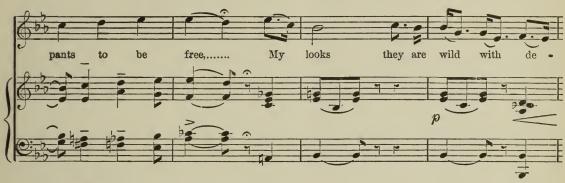


I mark, as I stand looking mournfully round,
You cloud drifted on by the rude northern wind,
Low dragging its folds o'er the darkening ground,
And leaving its path in sad shadows behind:
Ah! frail drooping cloud! to those groves dost thou flee
To nestle and rest—in vain, ah, in vain!
Thou art torn, clinging fondly to turret and tree,
Away o'er the valley, dissolving in rain.

E'en so am I borne on my darkening way,
On helplessly hurried by Faction's rude blast,
While shines in the future no welcoming ray,
And glimmers, consoling, no light in the past:
Here, here was repose for my poor weary heart,
Release from its wrongs—relief from its fears;
Farewell!—Mary Stuart again must depart,
But clinging in fondness and melting in tears.







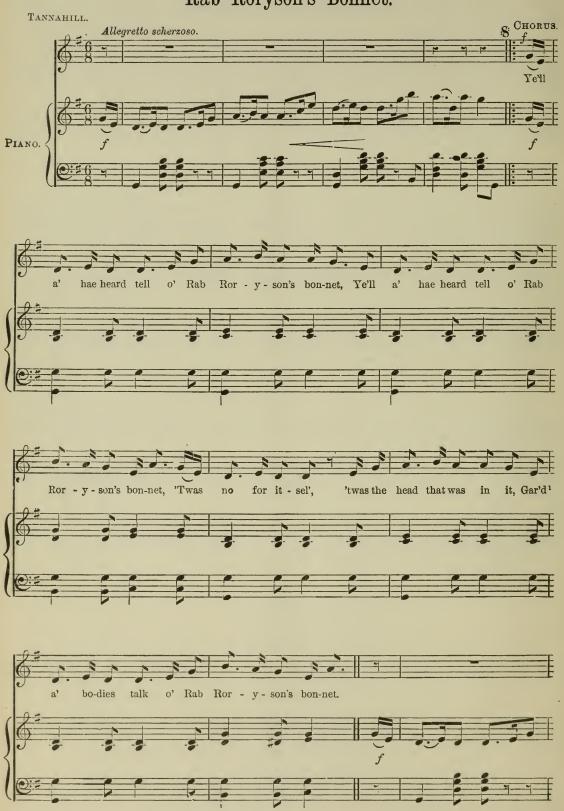


Ye roofs, where cold damps and dismays
With silence and solitude dwell—
How comfortless passes the day,
How sad tolls the evening bell!
The owls from the battlements cry,
Hollow winds seem to murmur around,—
"O Mary, prepare thee to die!"
My blood it runs cold at the sound.

Unchanged by the rigours of fate,

I burn with contempt for my foes;
Though Fortune has clouded my state,
This hope shall enlighten its close.
False woman! in ages to come.
Thy malice detested shall be;
And when we are cold in the tomb,
The heart still shall sorrow for me

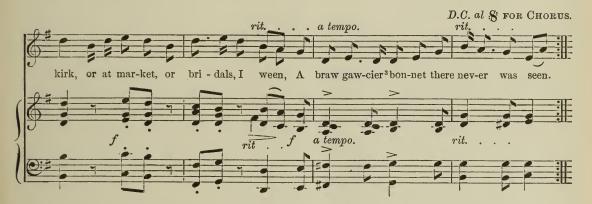
Rab Roryson's Bonnet.



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Wi' a round rosy tap like a mickle black boyd, It was slouched just a kenning on ither hand side; Some maintained it was black, some maintained it was blue,

It had something o' baith, as a body may trow. Ye'll a' hae heard tell, &c.

But, in sooth, I assure you, for aught that I saw, Still his bonnet had naething uncommon ava',⁵ Though the whole parish talked o' Rab Roryson's bonnet,

'Twas a' for the marvellous head that was in it. Ye'll a' hae heard tell, &c. That head, let it rest, it is now in the mools, 6
Though in life a' the warld beside it were fools;
Yet o' what kind of wisdom his head was possessed,
Nane e'er kenn'd but himsel', sae there's nane that
will miss't.

Ye'll a' hae heard tell, &c.

But there's some still in life wha eternally blame, Wha on buts and on ifs rear their fabric o' fame; To all such I inscribe this most beautiful sonnet, To crown them the heirs o' Rab Roryson's bonnet.

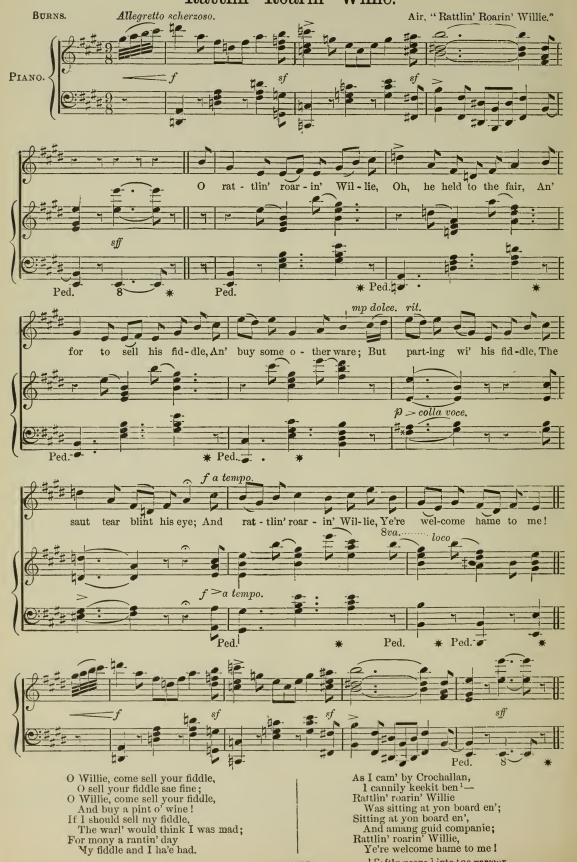
Ye'll a' hae heard tell, &c.

6 Dust.

¹ Compelled. ² Covered, as thatch would.

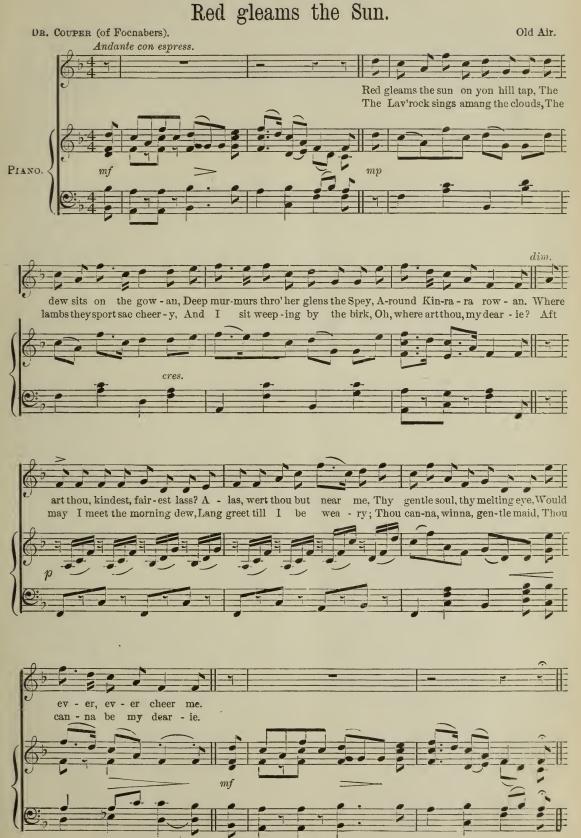
³ Finer ⁴ A thought. ⁶ At all.

Rattlin' Roarin' Willie.

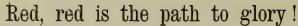


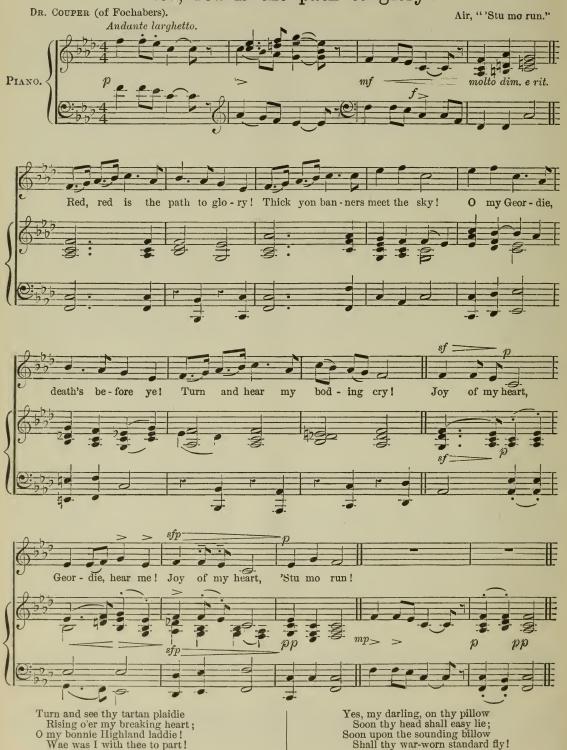
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Ye're welcome hame to me! 1 Softly peeped into the parwar.



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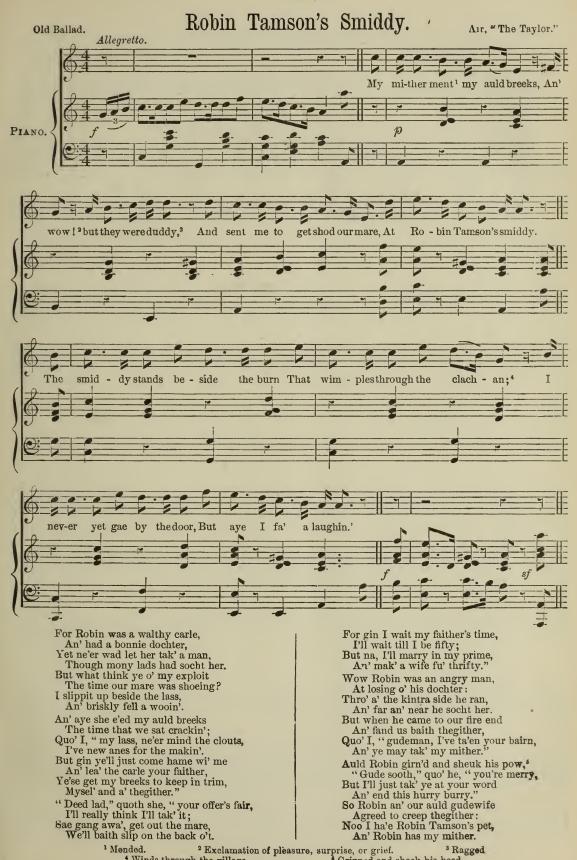


Joy of my heart, &c. But thou bleed'st!-Oh! bleed'st thou, beauty?

Swims there eye in wo' and pain?
Child of Honour! child of Duty!
Shall we never meet again?
Joy of my heart, &c.

Shall thy war-worn standard fly! Joy of my heart, &c.

Then, again, thy tartan plaidie,
Then my bosom, free from pain, Shall receive my Highland laddie,— Never shall we part again! Joy of my beart, &c.

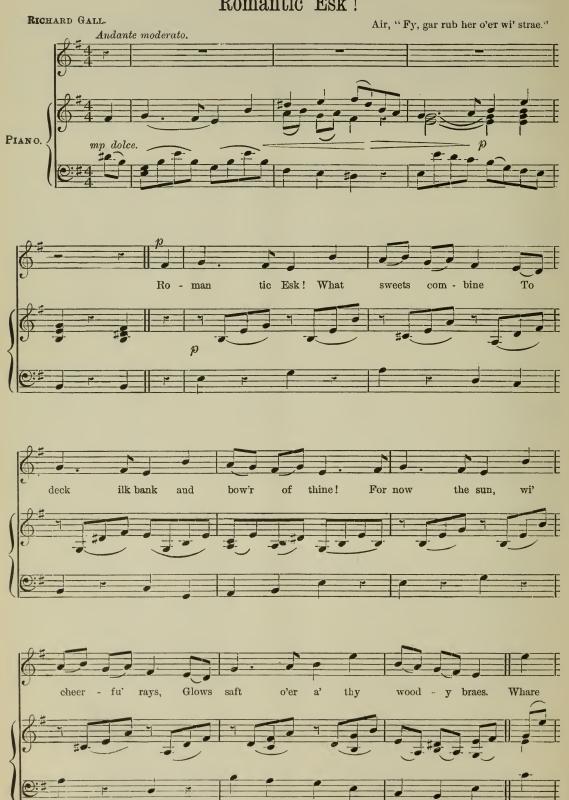


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Grinned and shook his head.

4 Winds through the village.

Romantic Esk!



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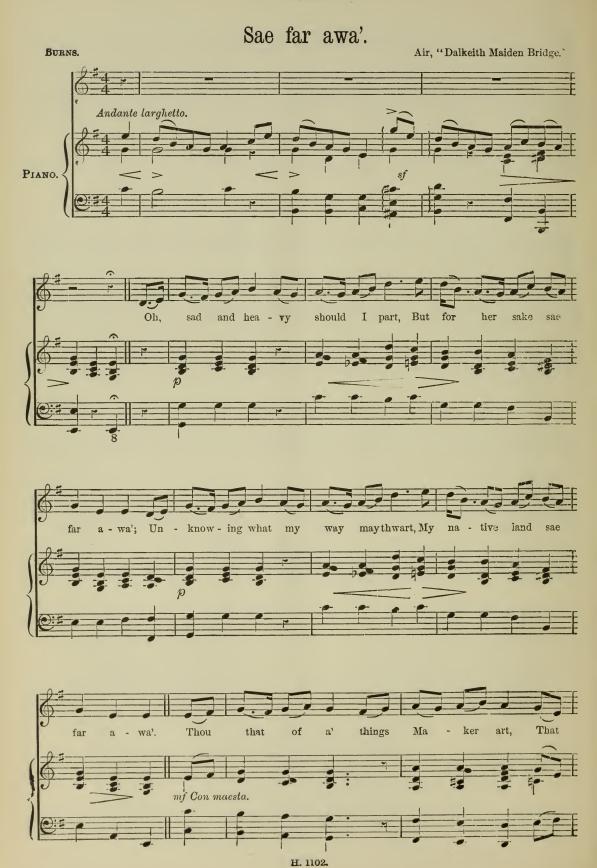


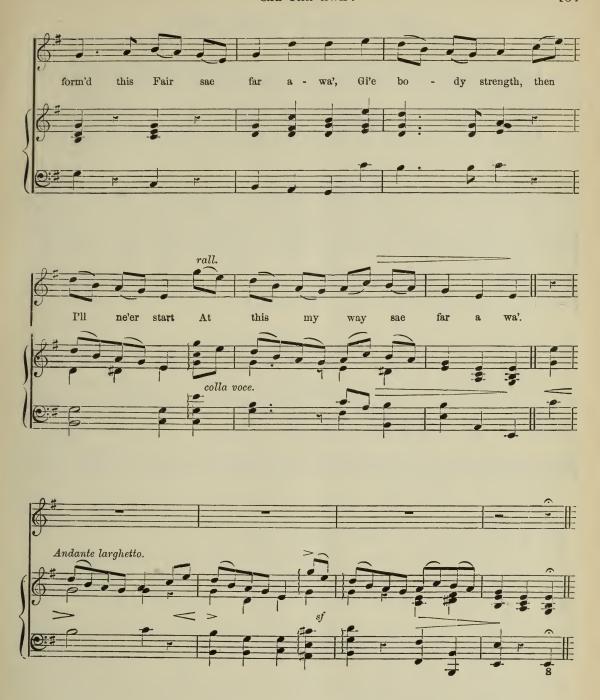
Save where the lintie, mournfully, Sabs sair aneath the rowan tree To see her nest, an' young anes a', By thoughtless riever 'borne awa', Return, return, the mourner's care, An' case the bosom o' despair, Nor cleed your little heart in steel, For Nature bad' the lintie feel.

How fresh and fair, o' varied hue,
Ilk 2 tufted haunt o' sweet Buccleugh!
What bliss ilk green retreat to hail,
Where Melville Castle cheers the vale;
And Mavis-bank, sae rural gay,
Looks bonnie down the woodland brae,
But doubly fair ilk darling scene,
That screens the bowers o' Hawthorndean,

Now tent ³ the Pentlands, westlins seen.
O'erspread wi' flowery pastures green;
Where, stretching wide, the fleecy ewes
Rin bleating round the sunny knowes; ⁴
An' mony a little siller rill
Steals gurgling down its mossy hill;
An vernal green is ilka tree
On bonnie braes o' Woodhouselee.

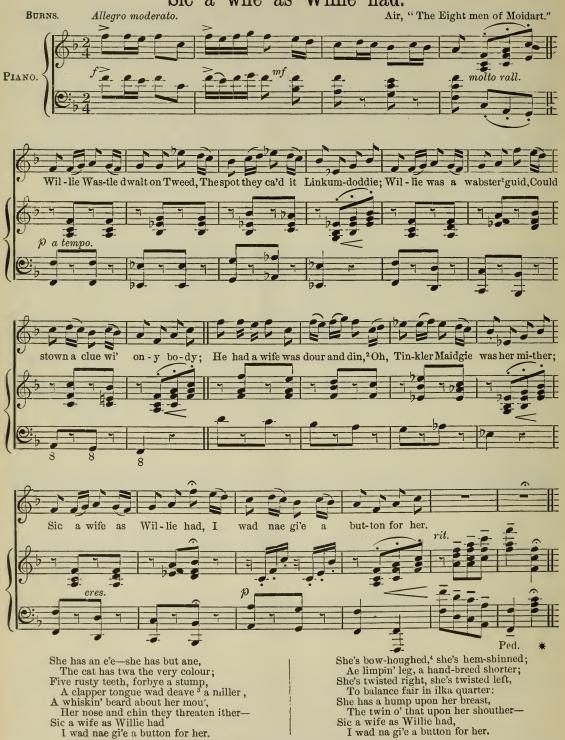
- Robber ² Each. ³ Observe. ⁴ Little hills





How true is love to pure desert,
So love to her, sae far awa':
And nocht can heal my bosom's smart.
While, oh! she is sae far awa'.
Nane other love, nane other dart,
I feel but hers, sae far awa';
But fairer never touched a heart
Than hers, the Fair sae far awa'.

Sic a wife as Willie had.



Auld Baudrans by the ingle sits,
An' wi' her loof her face a-washing';
But Willie's wife is nae sae trig,
She dights her grunzie wi' a hushion;
Her waie nieves like midden-creels,
Her face wad fyle to the Logan-WaterSic a wife as Willie had,
I wad not gi'e a button for her.

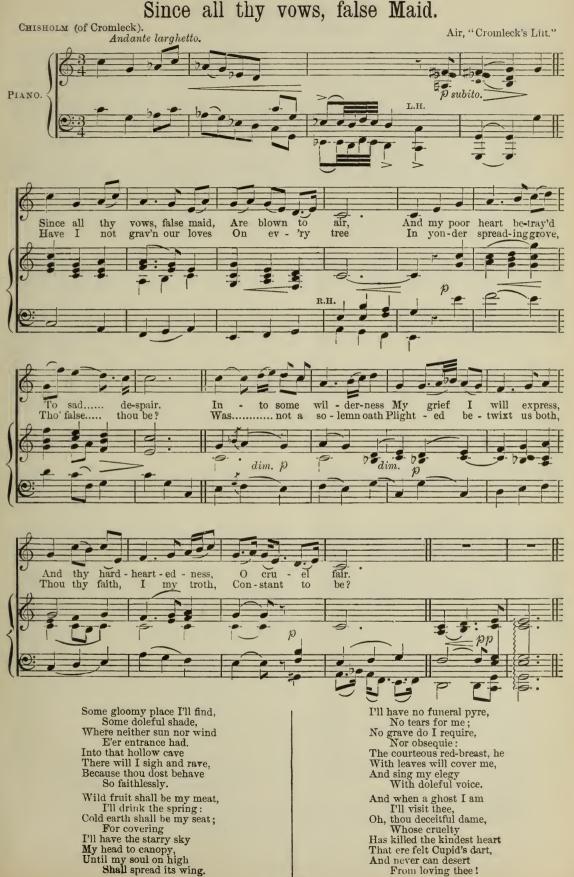
¹ Weaver. ² Sullen and sallow. She wipes her mouth with an old stocking. ³ Deafen. H. 1102. 4 Kneed.

8 Fat fists.

⁵ The cat. ⁶ Paw ⁹ Manure baskets.

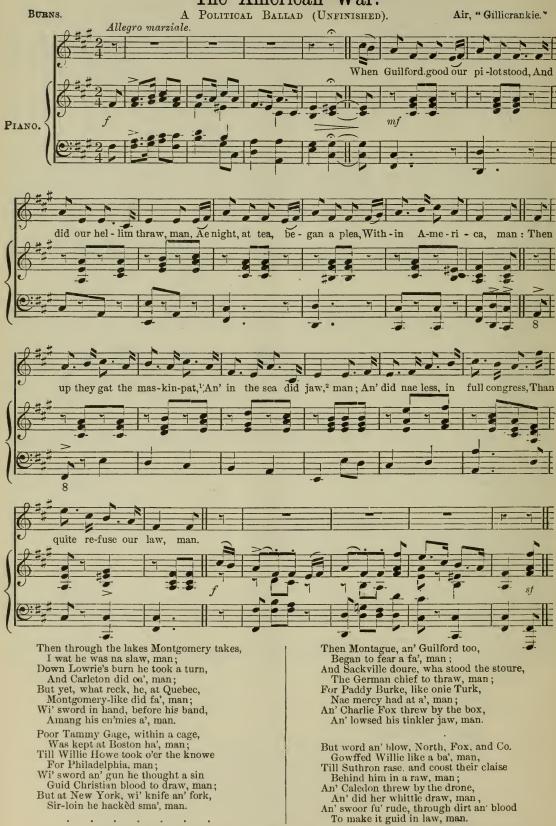
Le Defile

Since all thy vows, false Maid.



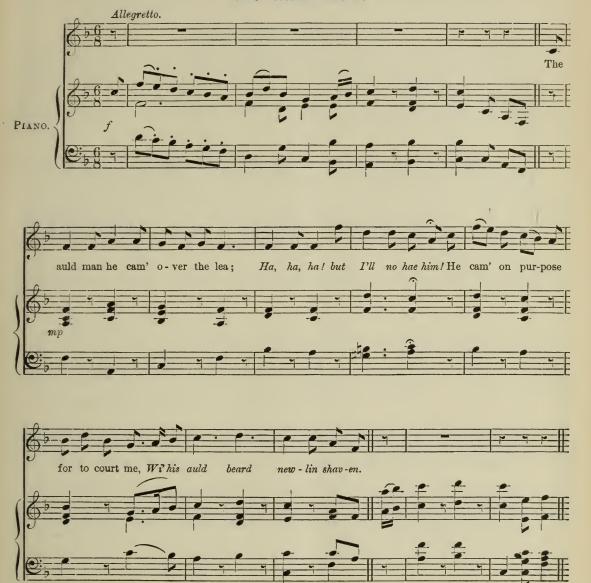
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The American War.



¹ Teapot. ² Jerk or throw. It is well known that the imposition by the English Commons of an excise duty on the tea imported to North America, caused the outbreak of the American War. The colonists went on board the Indiamen which brought tea to their shores, and threw their cargoes into the sea.

The auld Man.



My mither she bade me gi'e him a stool,

Ha, ha, ha! but I'll no hae him!

I ga'e him a stool and he looked like a fool,

Wi'his auld beard newlin shaven.

My mither she bade me gi'e him some pye,

Ha, ha, ha! but I'll no hae him!
I ga'e him some pye, and he laid the crust by,

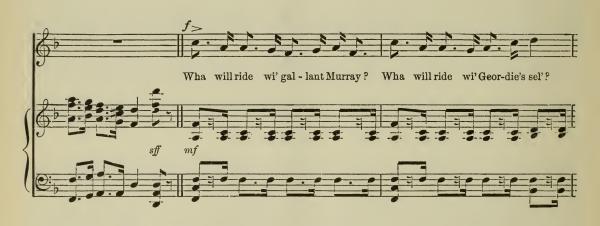
Wi'his auld beard newlin shaven.

My mither she bade me gi'e him a dram, Ha, ha, ha! but I'll no hae him! I ga'e him a dram o' the brand sae strang, Wi' his auld beard newlin shaven.

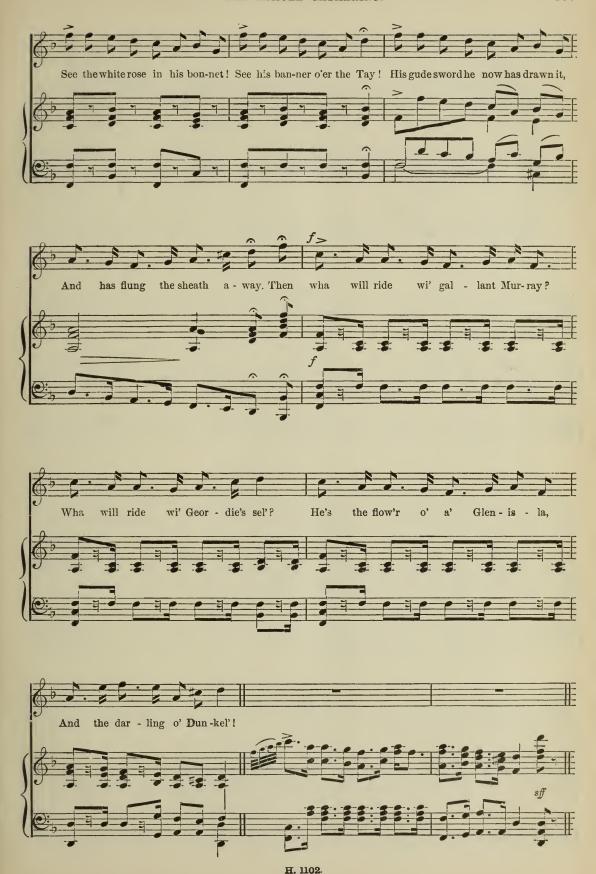
I tauld him plain I wadna wed,
Ha, ha, ha! but I'll no hae him!
I bade him "Gude e'en," and he gaed hame to bed,
Wi his auld beard newlin shaven.

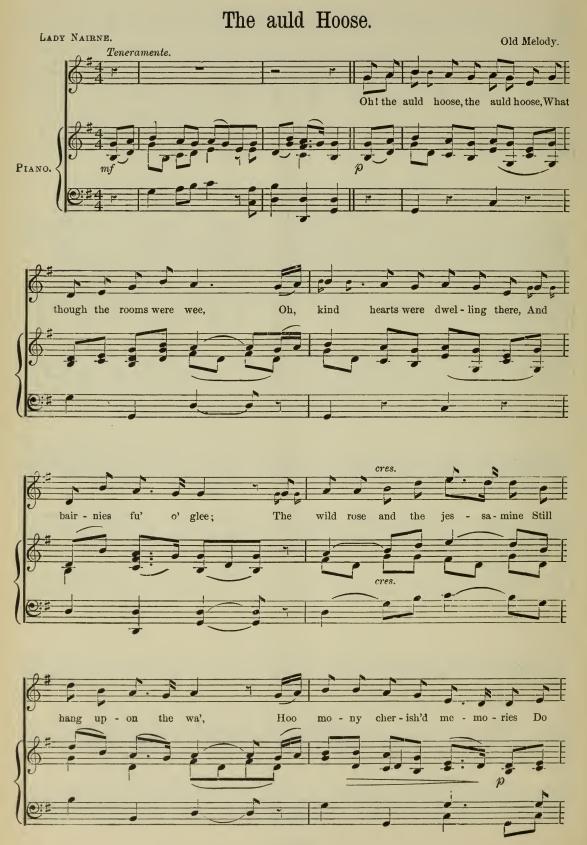
The Athole Gathering.











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Oh! the auld laird, the auld laird,
Sae canty, kind, and crouse,
Hoo mony did he welcome to
His ain wee dear auld hoose.
And the leddy too, sae genty,
There sheltered Scotland's heir,
And clipt a lock wit' her ain han'
Frae his lang yellow hair.

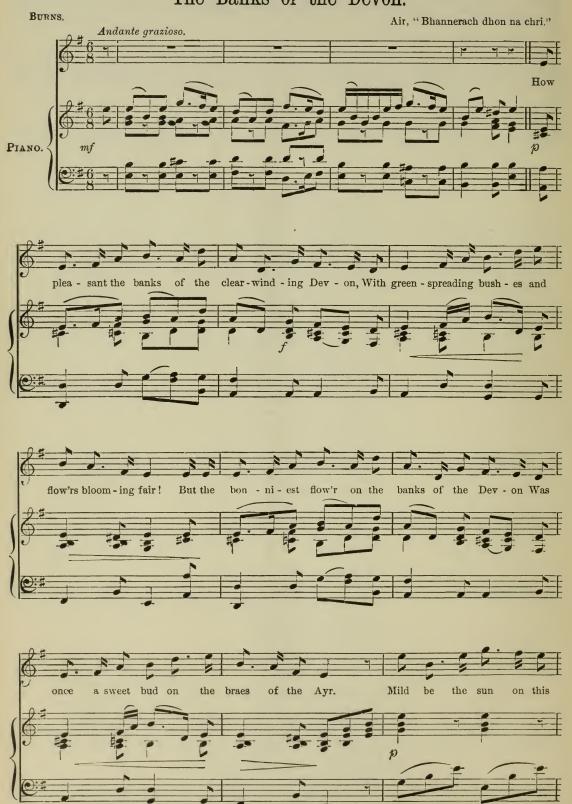
The mavis still doth sweetly sing,
The blue-bells sweetly blaw,
The bonnie Earn's clear winding still,
But the auld hoose is awa'.
The auld hoose, the auld hoose,
Deserted though ye be,
There ne'er can be a new hoose,
Will seem sae fair to me.

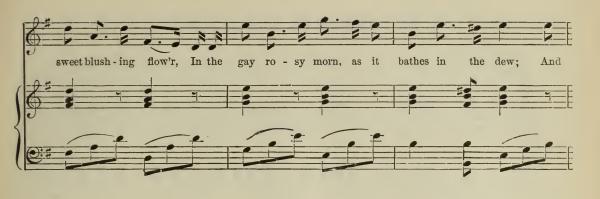
Still flourishing the auld pear tree,
The bairnies liked to see,
And oh! hoo aften did they speer
When ripe they a' wad be?
The voices sweet, the wee bit feet,
Aye rinnin' here and there,
The merry shout—oh, whiles we greet
To think we'll hear nae mair.

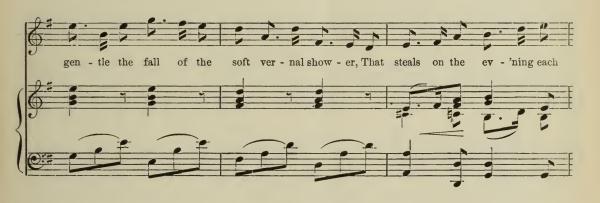
For they are a' wide scattered noo,
Some to the Indies gane,
And ane alas! to her lang hame—
Not here we'll meet again.
The kirkyard, the kirkyard!
Wi' flow'rs o' ev'ry hue,
Is shelter'd by the holly's shade
An' the dark sombre yew.

The setting sun, the setting sun!
Hoo glorious it gaed down;
The cloudy splendour rais'd oor hearts,
To cloudless skies aboon.
The auld dial, the auld dial,
It tauld hoo time did pass;
The wintry winds ha'e dang it down
Noo hid 'mang weeds and grass.

The Banks of the Devon.









O spare the dear blossoms, ye orient breezes.

With chill hoary wing, as ye usher the dawn!

And far be thou distant, thou reptile that seizes

The verdure and pride of the garden and lawn!

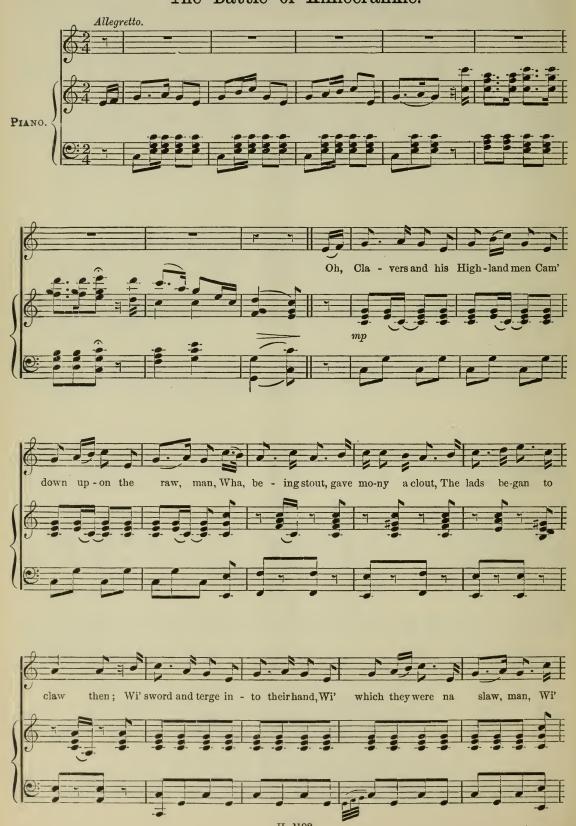
Let Bourbon exult in his gay gilded lilies,

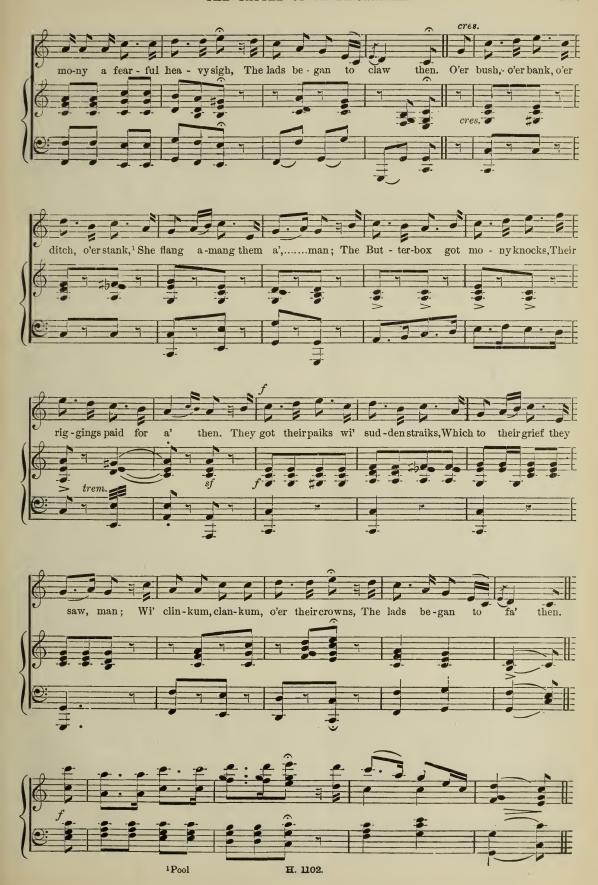
And England, triumphant, display her proud rose;

A fairer than either adorns the green valleys

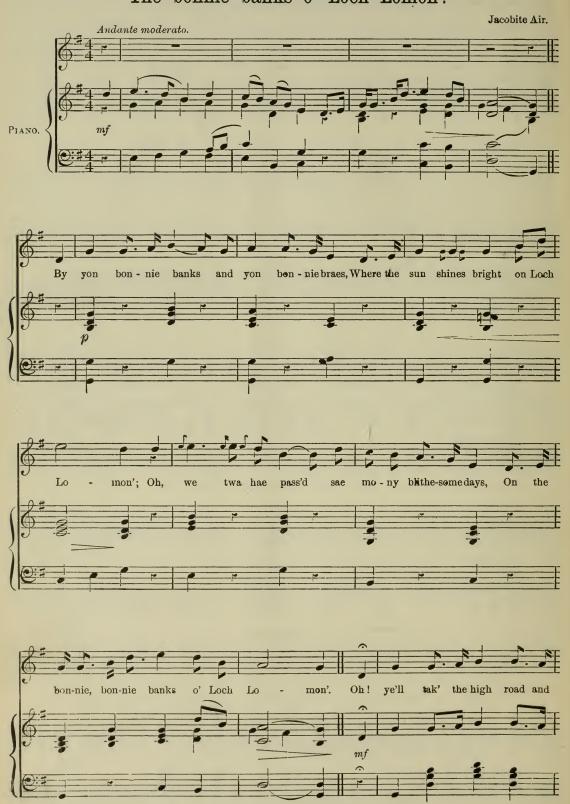
Where Devon, sweet Devon, meandering flows.

The Battle of Killiecrankie.

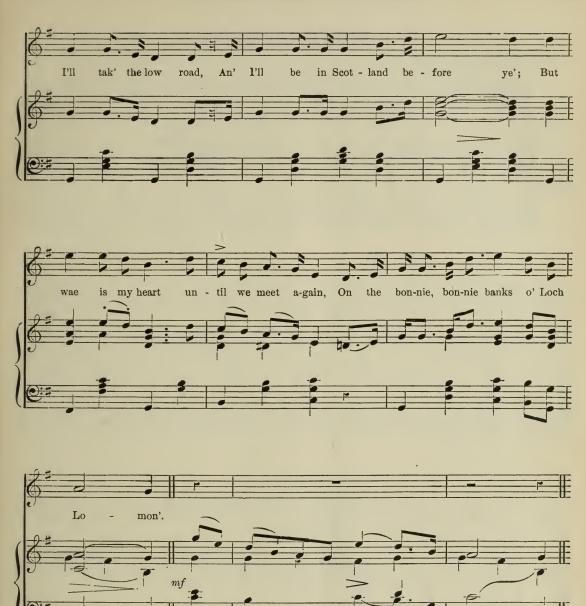




The bonnie banks o' Loch Lomon'.



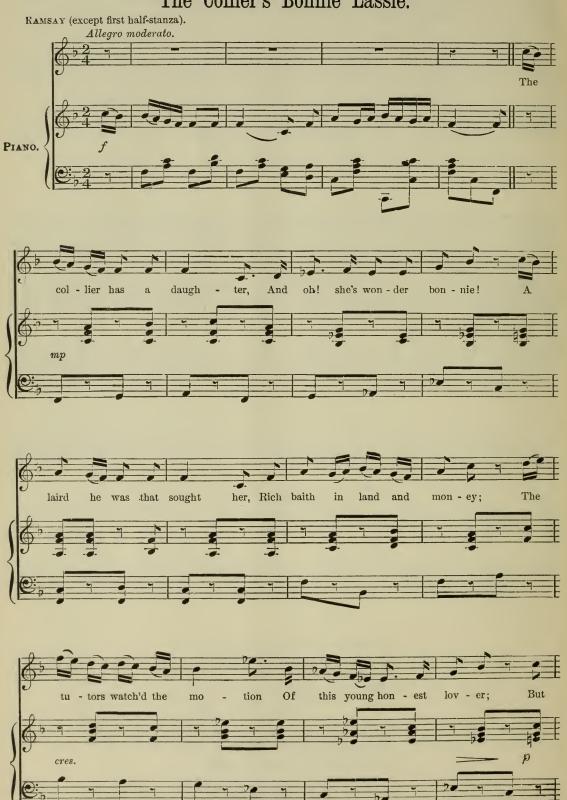
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I mind where we pairted, in yon shady glen,
On the steep, steep side o' Ben Lomon',
Where in purple hue the Highland hills we view,
And the morn shines out frae the gloamin'.
Oh, ye'll tak', &c.

The wee birdies sing an' the wild flowers spring,
An' in sunshine the waters are sleeping;
But the broken heart it seeks nae second spring,
An' the world does nae ken how we're greetin'.
Oh, ye'll tak', &c.

The Collier's Bonnie Lassie.



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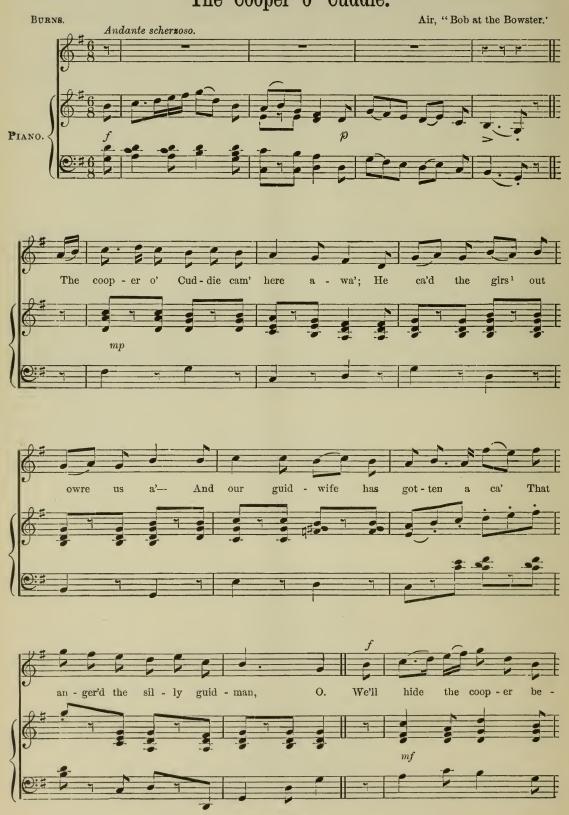


He had the heart to please ye,
And was by a' respected;
His airs sat round him easy,
Genteel, but unaffected.
The collier's bonnie lassie,
Fair as the new-blown lily,
Aye sweet and never saucy,
Secured the heart of Willie

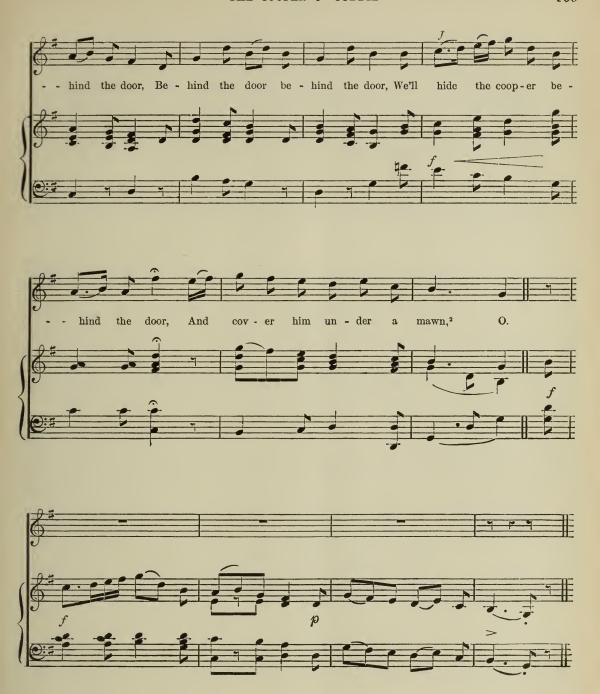
He loved, beyond expression,
The charms that were about her,
And panted for possession—
His life was dull without her,
After mature resolving,
Close to his breast he held her,
In saftest flames dissolving
He tenderly thus telled her:—

"My bonnie collier's daughter,
Let naething discompose ye;
"Tis no your scanty tocher
Shall ever gar me lose ye.
For I have gear in plenty,
And love says 'tis my duty,
To ware what Heaven has lent me
Upon your wit and beauty."

The Cooper o' Cuddie.



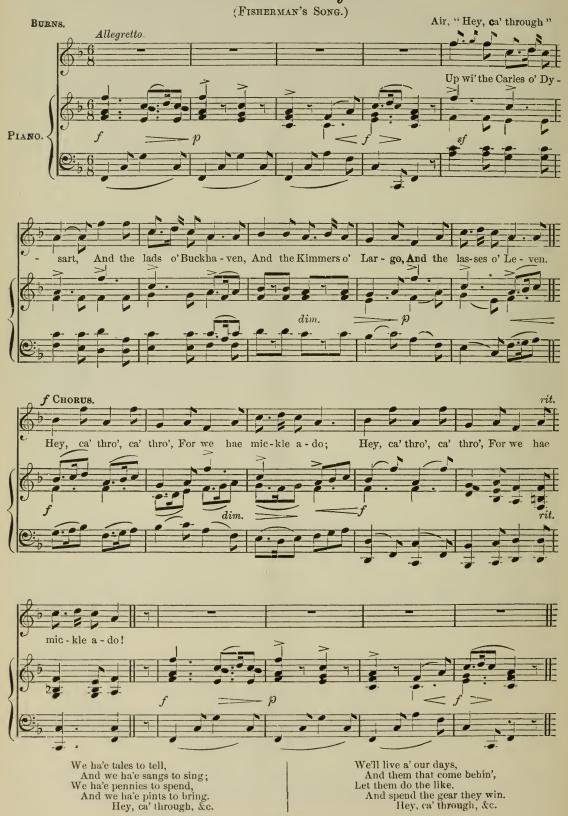
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He sought them out, he sought them in,
Wi' de'il ha'e her! and de'il ha'e him!
But the body he was sae doited and blin',
He wist na where he was gaun, O.
We'll hide the cooper, &c.

⁴ Hoops. ² Basket. ³ Stupid and blind.

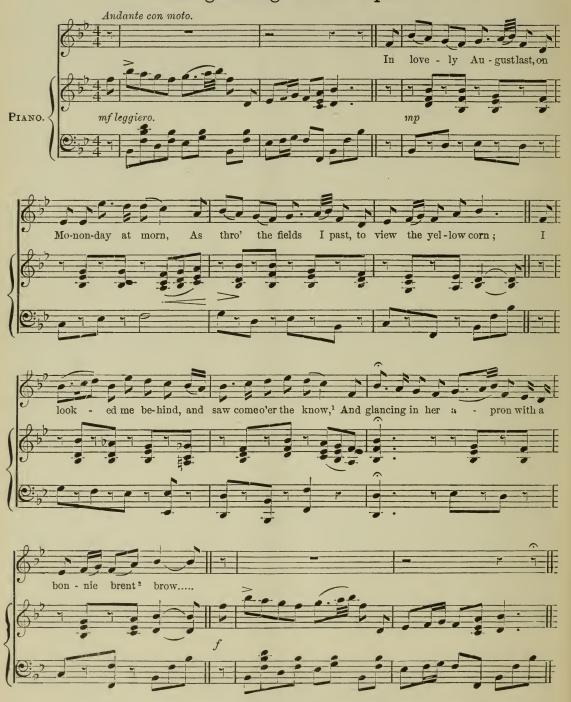
The Carles o' Dysart.



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The glancing of her Apron.



I said, "Good-morrow, fair maid," and she right cour-

Return'd aback and kindly said, "Good-day, sweet sir,

to thee;" I speer'd, 3 "My dear, how far awa do you intend to gae?"

Quoth she, "I mean a mile or twa, and o'er yon broomy brae."

"Fair maid, I'm thankful to my fate to have sic company,

For I am ganging straight that gate 5 where ye intend to be;"

When we had gane a mile or twain I said to her, "My dow," May we not lean us on this plain, and kiss your bonny

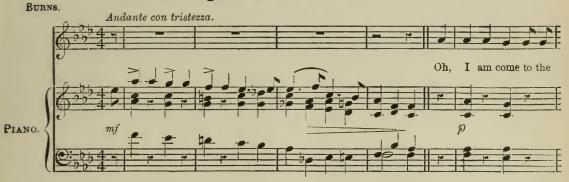
mou?" • Way

1 A hillock. 2 A brow high and smooth

4 Slope.

6 Possibly "doo," dove.

The Highland Widow's Lament.







It was na sae in the Highland hills, Och-on, och-on, och-rie! Nae woman in the country wide Sae happy was as me.

For then I had a score o' kye, Och-on, och-on, och-rie! Feeding on yon hills so high, And giving milk to me.

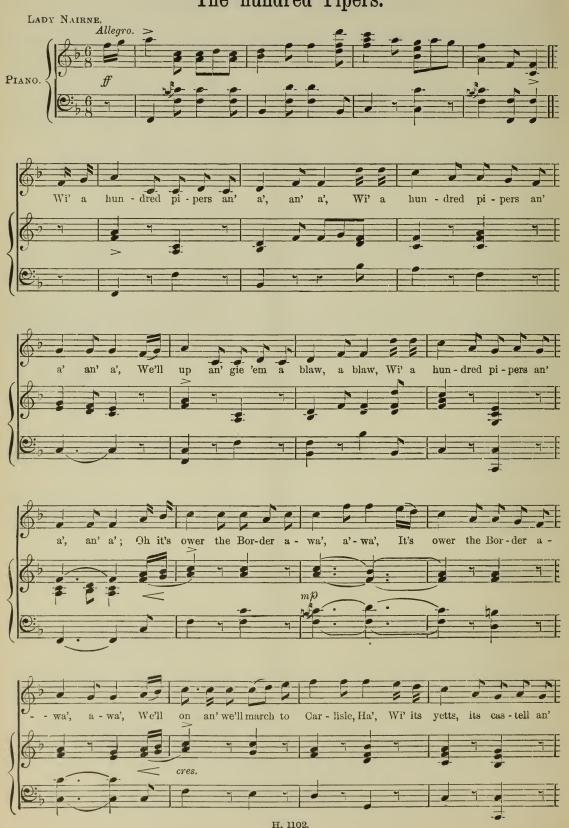
And there I had threescore o' yowes, Och-on, och-on, och-rie! Skipping on yon bonnie knowes, And casting woo' to me. I was the happiest of a' the clan,— Sair, sair may I repine; For Donald was the brawest man, And Donald he was mine.

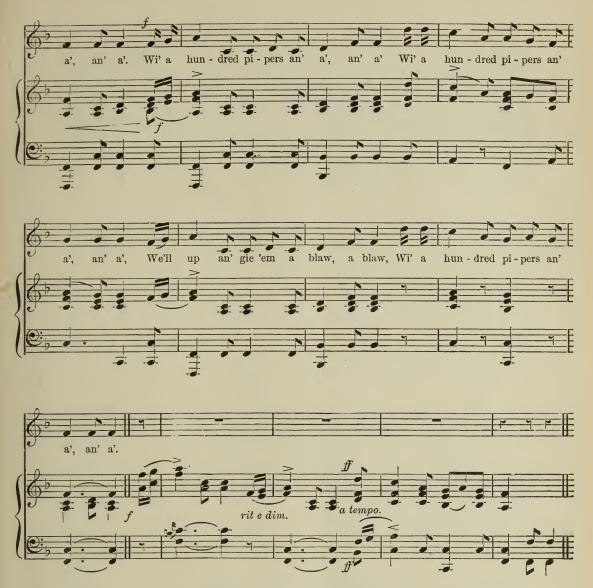
Till Charlie Stuart cam' at last, Sae far to set us free; My Donald's arm was wanted then For Scotland and for me.

Their waefu' fate what need I tell?
Right to the wrang did yield:
My Donald and his country fell
Upon Culloden-field.

Och-on, O Donald, O! Och-on, och-on, och-rie! Nae woman in the warld wide Sae wretched now as me.

The hundred Pipers.





Oh! our sodger lads look'd braw, look'd braw, Wi' their tartans, kilts, an' a', an' a',
Wi' their bonnets, an' feathers, an' glitt'ring gear,
An' pibrochs sounding sweet an' clear.
Will they a' return to their ain dear glen? Will they a' return—our Hieland men? Second sighted Sandy look'd fu' wae,

And mothers grat when they march'd awa'.

Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a',

Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a';

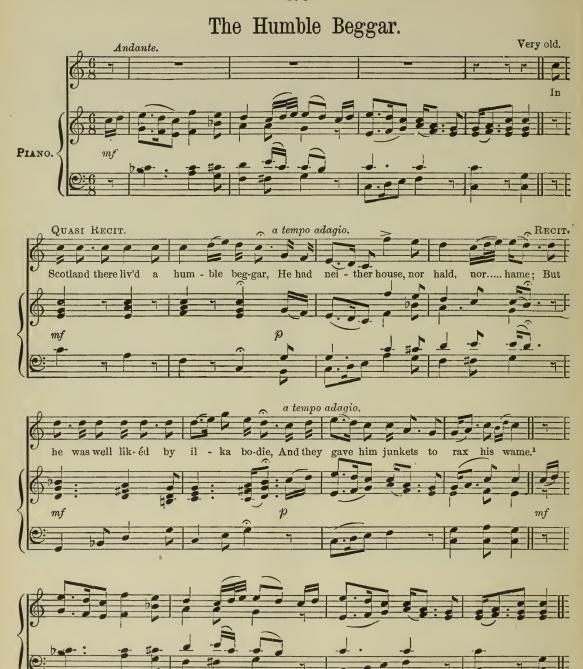
But they'll up an' gie 'em a blaw, a blaw, Wi' a bundred pipers an' a', an' a'.

Oh wha is foremaist o' a', o' a'?
Oh wha does follow the blaw, the blaw? Oh wha does follow the blaw, the blaw?
Bonnie Charlie, the king o' us a', hurra!
Wi' his hundred pipers an' a', an' a'!
His bonnet an' feather he's wavin' high!
His prancing steed maist seems to fly!
The nor' wind plays wi' his curly hair,
While the pipers blaw in an unco flare!
Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a',
Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a',
We'll up an' gie 'em a blaw,
Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a'.

Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a'.

The Esk was swollen, sae red, sae deep; But shouther to shouther the brave lads keep; Twa thousand swam ower to fell English ground, An' danc'd themselves dry to the pibroch's sound. Dumfounder'd, the English saw, they saw! Dumfounder'd, they heard the blaw, the blaw! Dumfounder'd, they a' ran awa', awa'! Frac the hundred pipers an' a', an' a'! Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a', Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a'; We'll up an' gie 'em a blaw, a blaw,

Wi' a hundred pipers an' a', an' a'.



A nivefou² of meal and handfou of groats, A daad³ of a bannock or herring brie,⁴ Cauld parridge, or the lickings of plates Wad make him as blyth as a beggar could be.

This beggar he was a humble beggar, The feint a bit o' pride had he, He wad a ta'en his alms in a bikker ⁵ Frae gentleman or poor bodie.

His wallets ahint and afore did hang
In as good order as wallets could be;
A lang kail-gooly 6 hang down by his side
And a meikle nowt horn 7 to rout on had he.

¹ Fill himself out with. ² Fist-full. ³ Large piece. ⁷ Cowhorn. ⁸ Watching of a corpse before burial. It happen'd ill, it happen'd warse, It happen'd sae that he did die; And wha do ye think was at his late-wak * But lads and lasses of a high degree?

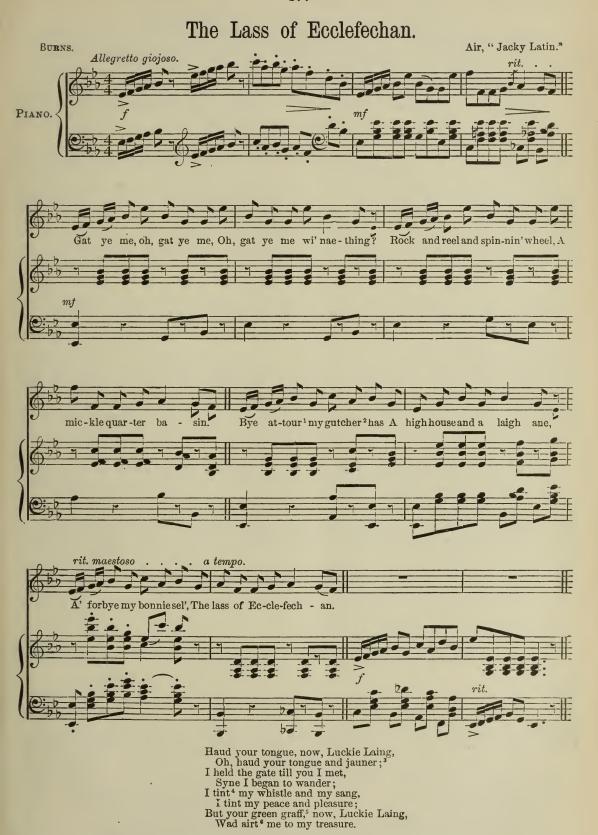
But when they brought him to Duket's kirkyard, He dunted on the kist, 10 the boards did flee; And when they were gaun to put him i' the gard, In fell the kist and out lap he!

He cryed, "I'm cauld, I'm unco cauld!"
Fu' fast ran the folk, fu' fast ran he;
But he was first hame at his ain ingleside
And he helped to drink his ain dirgie.

⁵ Wooden dish. ⁶ Large knife for cutting colewort.

⁹ Knocked. ¹⁰ Coffin.

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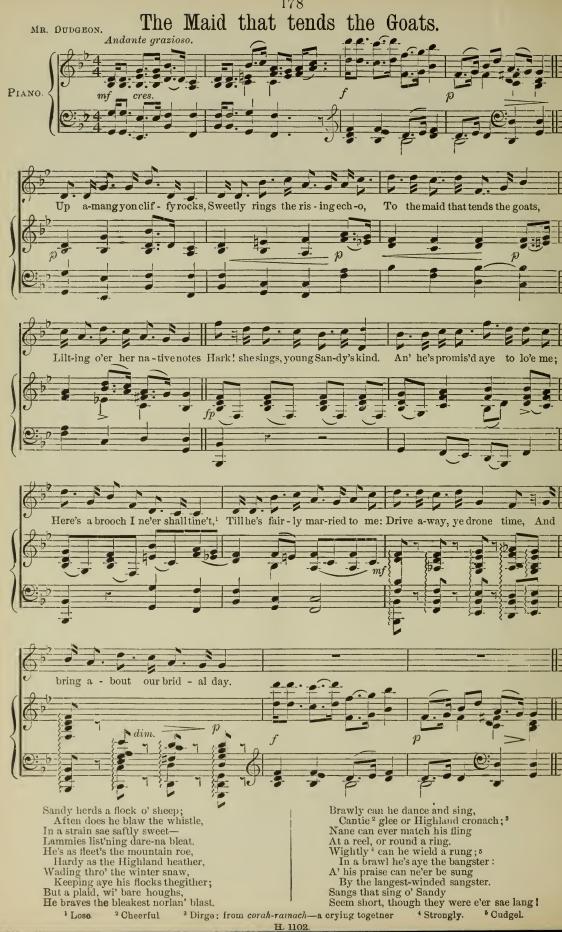
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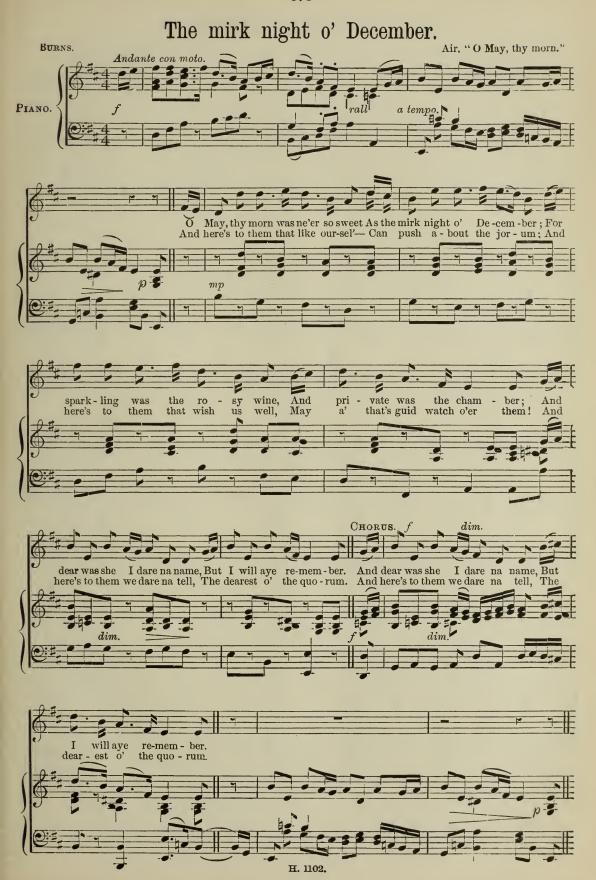
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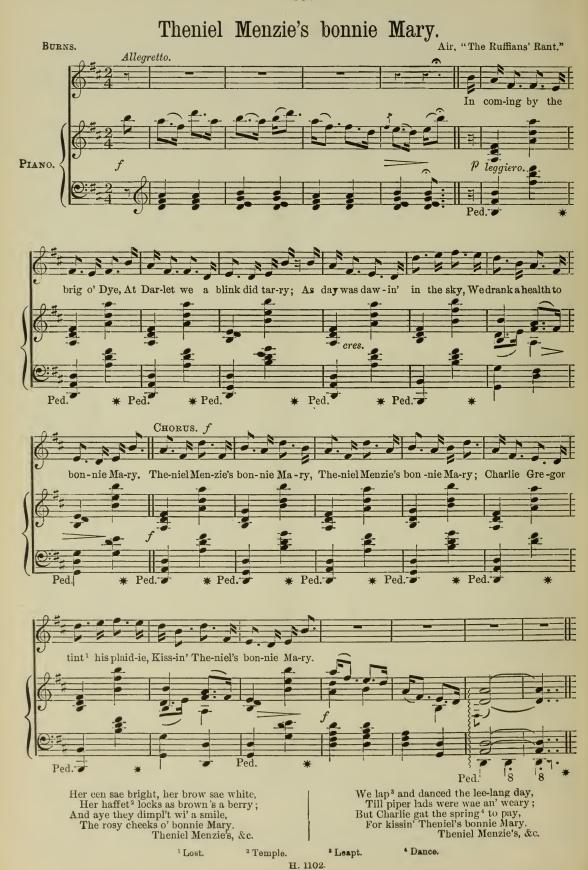
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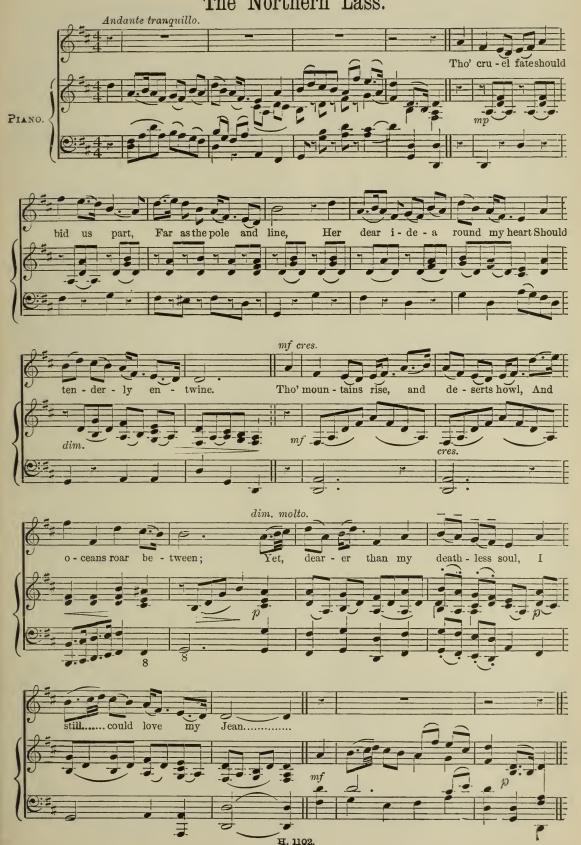
² Grandsire.



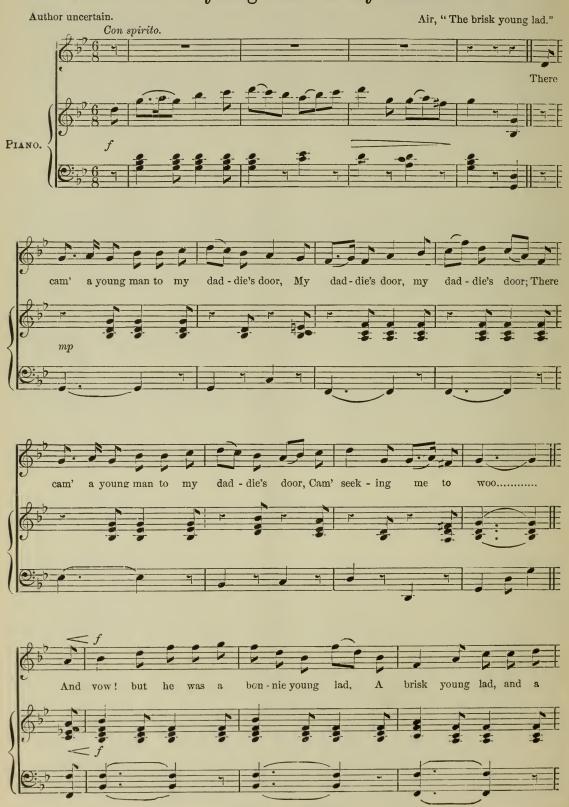




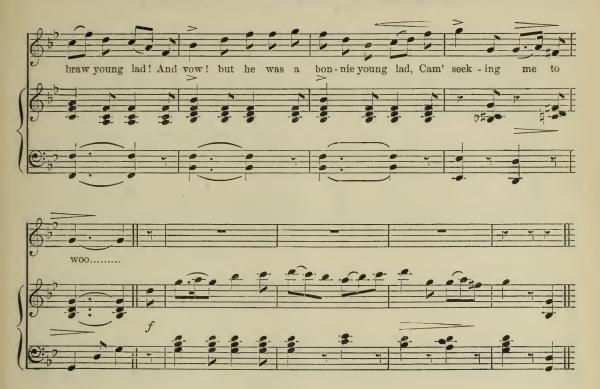
The Northern Lass.



There cam' a young man to my Daddie's door.



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But I was baking when he cam',
When he cam', when he cam';
I took him in and gied him a scone,
To thowe his frozen mou'.

And yow! but he was, &c.

Set him in aside the bink; 4
I gied him bread and ale to drink;
But ne'er a blythe styme 5 wad he blink
Till he was warm and fu'.
And yow! but he was, &c.

"Gae, get you gone, you cauldrife wooer;
Ye sour-looking, cauldrife wooer!"
I straightway show'd him to the door,
Saying, "Come nae mair to woo!"
And vow! but he was, &c.

There lay a deuk-dub before the door,
Before the door, before the door;
There lay a deuk-dub before the door,
An' there fell he, I trow!
And vow! but he was, &c.

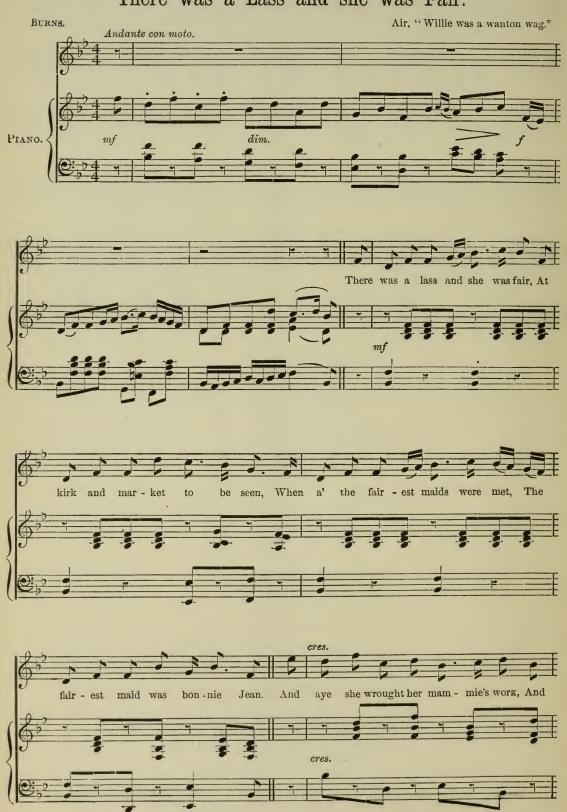
Out cam' the gudeman, an' heigh he shouted; Out cam' the gudewife, an' laigh she louted; An' a' the toun-neebours were gather'd about it; An' there lay he, I trow!

Then out cam' I, an' sneered and smiled,
"Ye cam' to woo, but ye're a' beguiled;
Ye've fa'en i' the dirt, an' ye're a' befyled;
We'll ha'e nae mair o' you!"

And yow! but he was, &c.

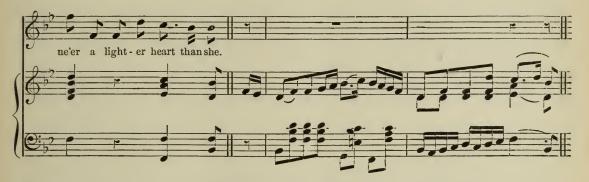
^{*}Gave. ³ A thin cake of wheat-meal in a country house: seat of honour. ⁵ A particle, a whit. ⁶ Cold, cheerless. ⁷ Duck-pond. ⁹ Low she chuckled

There was a Lass and she was Fair.



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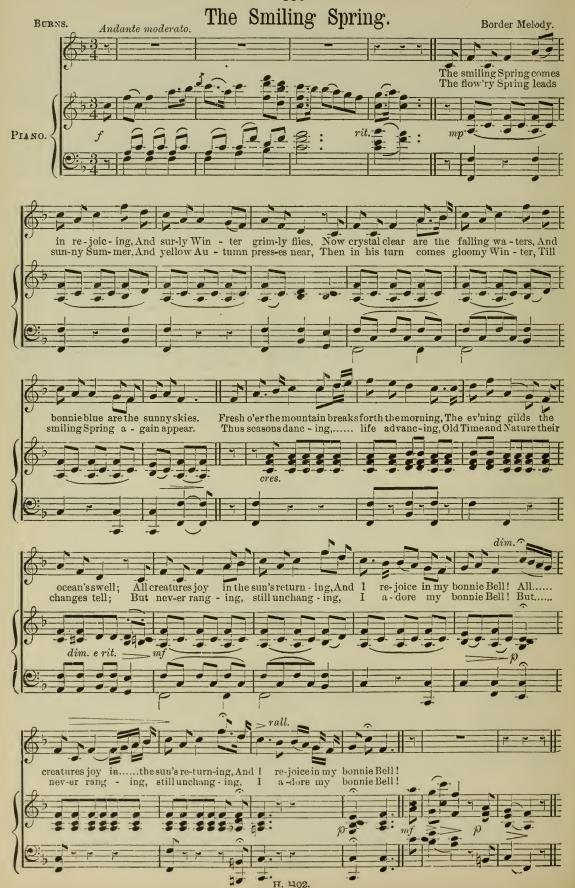
But hawks will rob the tender joys
That bless the little lintwhite's nest;
And frost will blight the fairest flowers,
And love will break the soundest rest,
Young Robie was the brawest lad,
The flower and pride of a' the glen,
And he had owsen, sheep, and kye,
And wanton naigies nine and ten.

He gaed wi' Jeanie to the tryste,³
He danced with Jeanie on the down,
And lang e'er witless Jeanie wist,
Her heart was tint,⁴ her peace was stown.⁵
As in the bosom o' the stream,
The moonbeam dwells at dewy e'en,
So trembling, pure, was tender love,
Within the breast o' bonnie Jean.

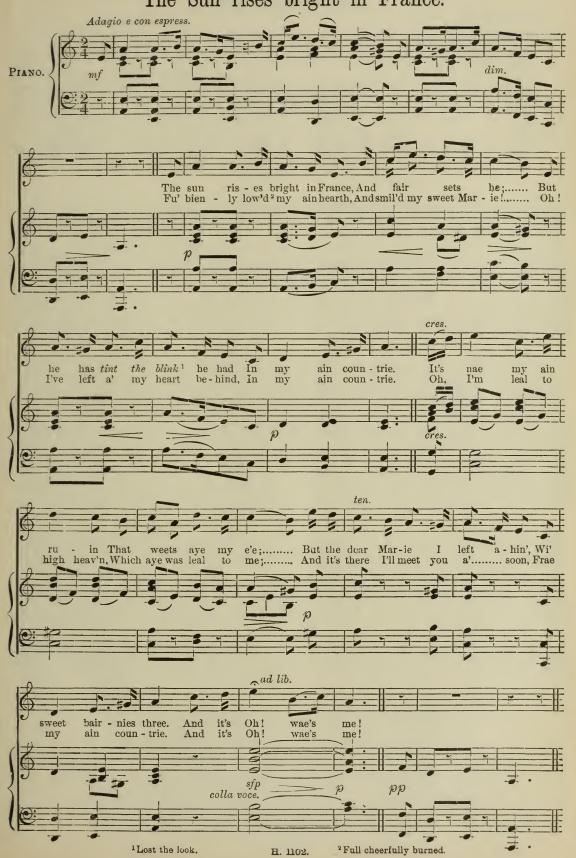
And now she works her mammie's wark,
And aye she sighs wi' care and pain;
Yet wistna what her ail might be,
Or what wad mak' her weel again.
But didna Jeanie's heart loup 6 light,
And didna joy blink 7 in her e'e
As Robie tauld a tale o' love,
Ae e'enin' on the lily lea?

The sun was sinking in the west,
The birds sang sweet in ilka grove,
His cheek to hers he fondly prest,
And whispered thus his tale o' love,
"O, Jeanie fair, I lo'e thee dear,
O canst thou think to fancy me,
Or wilt thou leave thy mammie's cot,
And learn to tent's the farms with me?

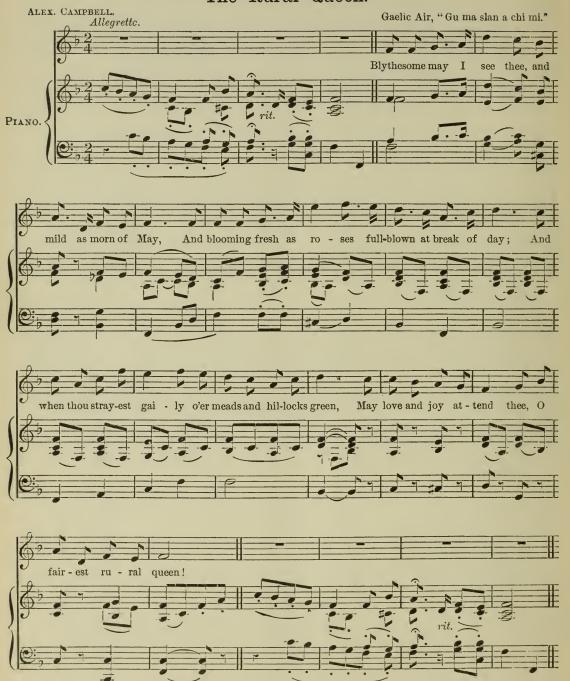
At barn or byre thou shalt na drudge,
Or naething else to trouble thee,
But stray amang the heather bells,
And tent the waving corn wi' me."
Now what could artless Jeanie do?
She had nae will to say him na,
At length she blushed a sweet consent,
And love was aye between them twa.



The Sun rises bright in France.

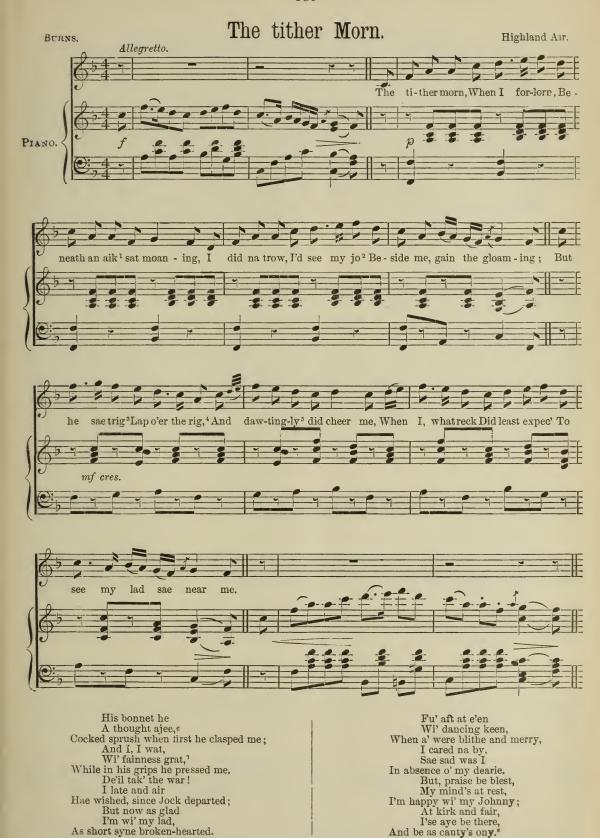


The Rural Queen.



When first I saw thee, lovely as lily of the vale, And heard thy mellow warblings commingling with the gale, I thought of scraphs hymning, in bowers of bliss above, Their hallowed strains harmonious of purest heavenly love.

Twas then I first felt rapture, true love, and chaste desire, Those tenderest sensations that wishes pure inspire: "Twas then I fondly fancied that such a form divine Would yield all earthly joyance, were such an angel mine. Full blythe then may I see thee for aye, my winsome maid, In every grace and virtue thy mind and frame arrayed; Thy guileless spirit playful, as innocently gay, Be sprightly as the Springtime, and blooming fair as May



⁵ Fondly. ⁶On one side.

4 Ridge.

3 Neat.

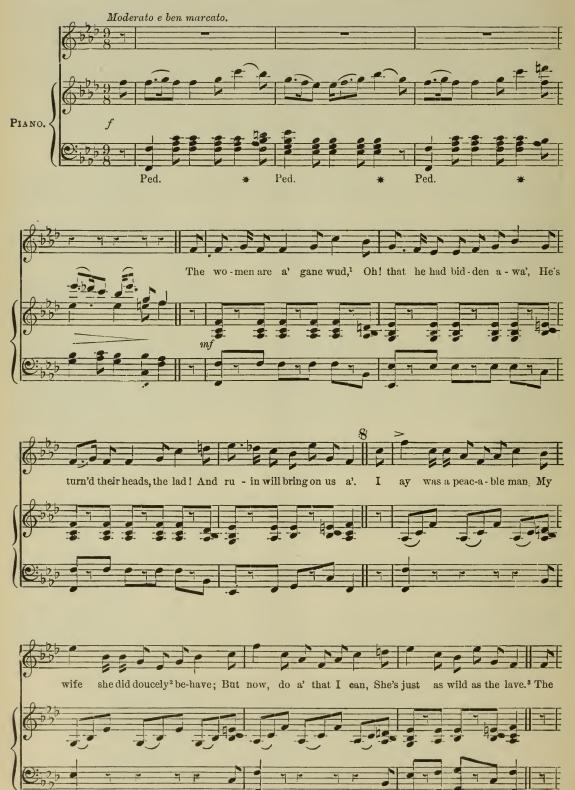
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²Sweetheart.

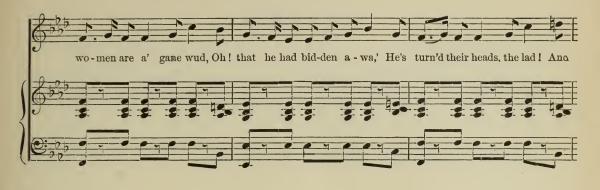
I'se aye be there, And be as canty's ony.

Went for joy. As bright as any

The Women are a' gane wud.



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My wife she wears the cockade,

Tho' she kens 'tis the thing that I hate;

There's ane, too, prinned on her maid,

And baith will take their ain gate.

The women, &c.

I've lived a' my days i' the strath,⁴
Now Tories infest me at hame;
An' tho' I tak nae part at a'
Baith sides gie me the blame,
The women, &c.

The wild Hieland lads they did pass,
The yetts s wide open did flee;
They ate the very house bare
And spier'd s nae leave o' me.
The women, &c.

But when the redcoats gaed by,

Dy'e think they'd let them alone?

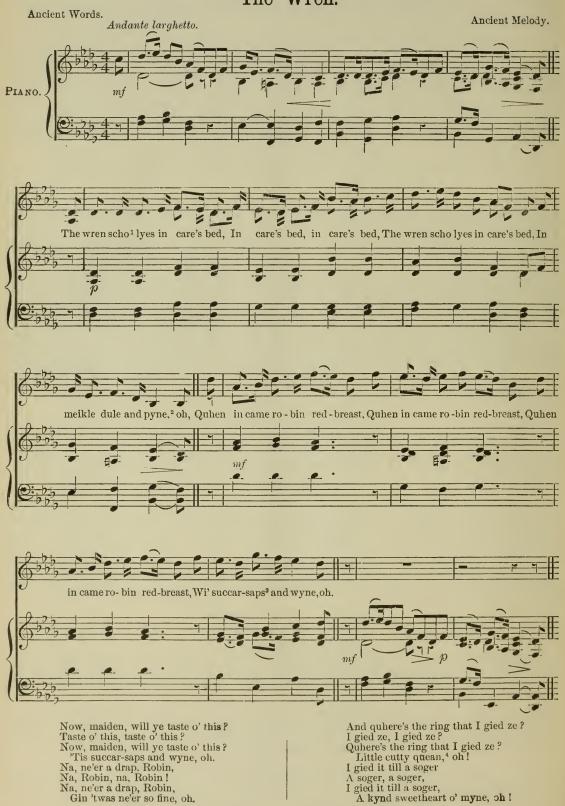
They aye the louder did cry

Prince Charlie will soon get his ain.

The women, &c.

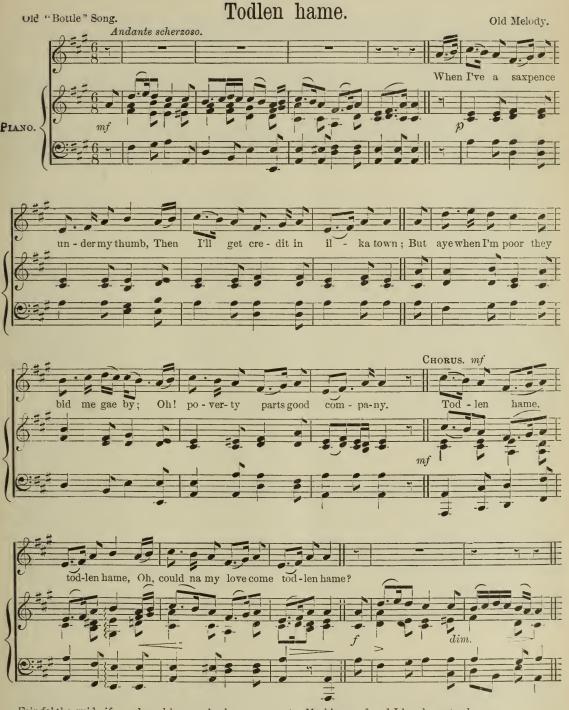
Mad. Wisely. The rest. Valley. Gates. Asked.

The Wren.



³ Sugar-sops. ⁴ Tiny little maid

² Heavy grief and pain



Fair fa' the guidwife, and send her good sale, She gi'es us white bannocks to drink her ale, Syne if her tippeny 1 chance to be sma', We'll tak' a good scour 2 o't, and ca't awa'. Todlen hame, todlen hame,

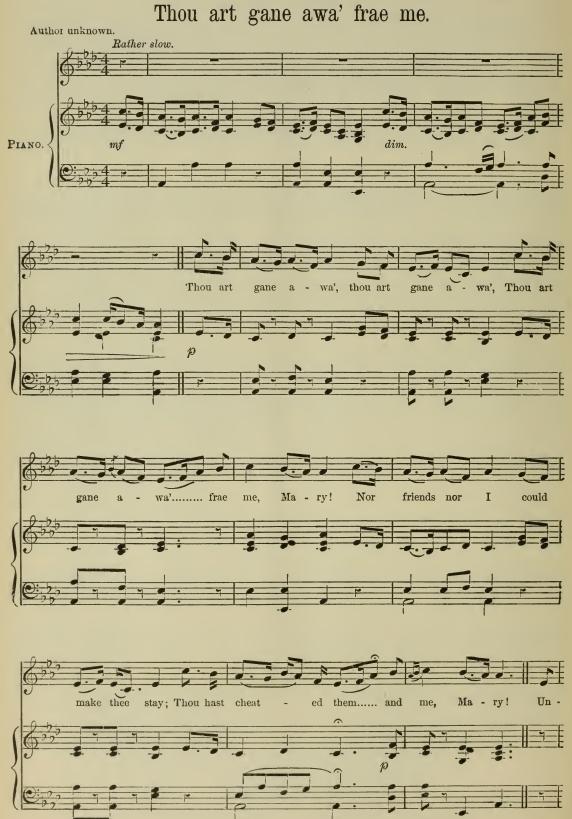
As round as a neep come todlen hame.

My kimmer 3 and I lay down to sleep, And twa pint-stoups at our bed-feet; And aye when we wakened we drank them dry: What think ye of my wee kimmer and I?
Todlen but, and todlen ben,

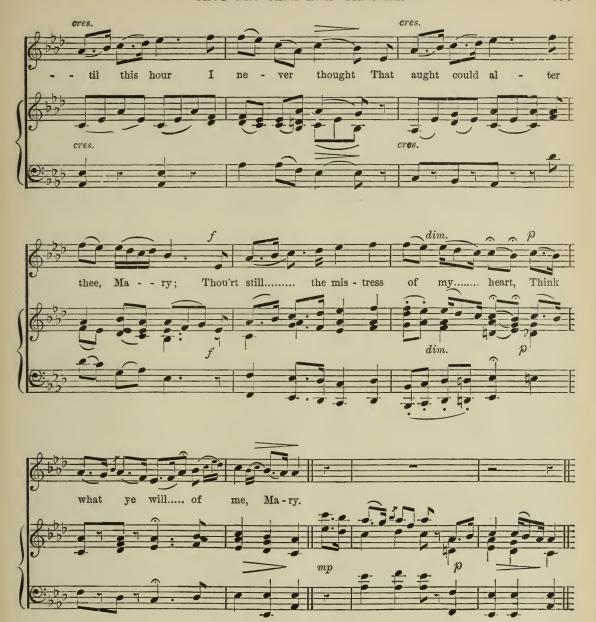
Sae round as my love comes todlen hame.

Leeze 4 me on liquor, my todlen dow, Ye're aye sae good-humoured when weeting your mou'; When sober sae sour, ye'll fight wi' a flea, That 'tis a blithe sight to the bairns and me, When todlen hame, todlen hame, When round as a neep ye come todlen hame.

Ale at 2d. a bottle. ² Hearty drink. ³ Gossip. 4 Blessings on, or commend me to.

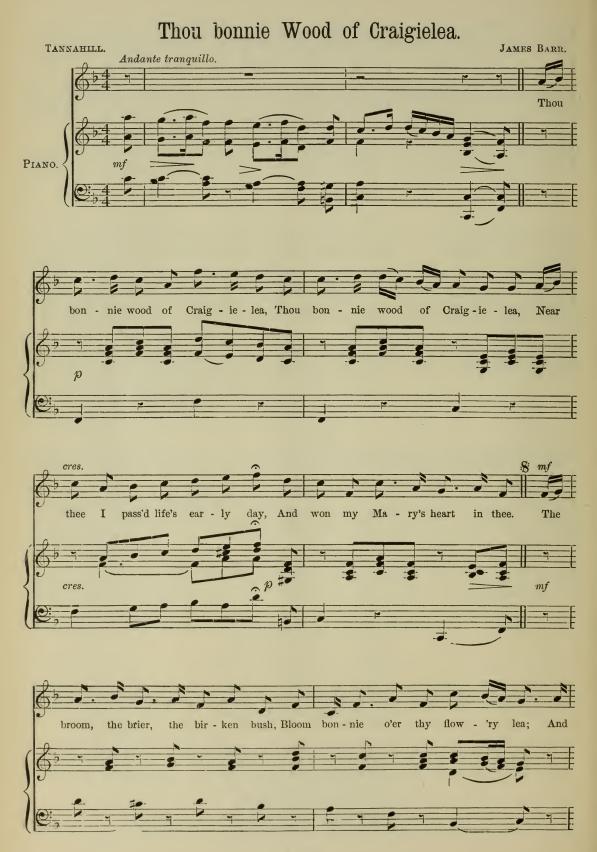


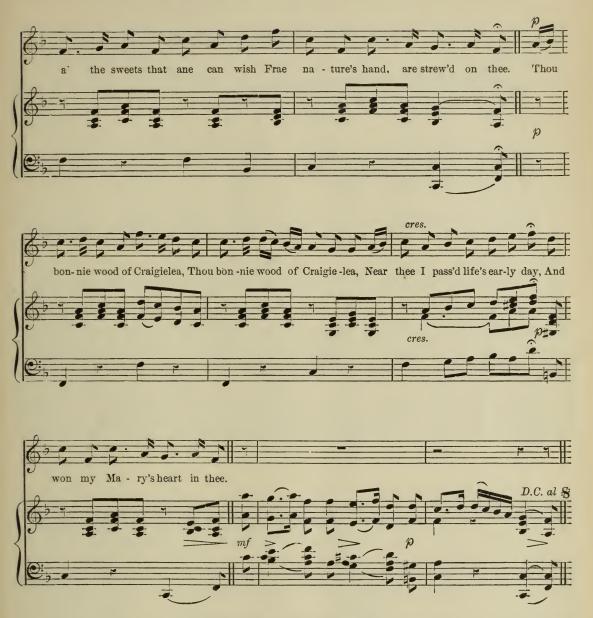
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Whate'er he said or might pretend,
That stole that heart o' thine, Mary,
True love, I'm sure, was ne'er his end,
Or nae sic love as mine, Mary.
I spoke sincere, nor flattered much,
Nae selfish thought's in me, Mary,
Ambition, wealth, nor naething such,
No, I loved only thee, Mary!

Though you've been false, yet while I live,
I'll lo'e nae maid but thee, Mary;
Let friends forget, as I forgive,
Thy wrangs to them and me, Mary.
So then, farewell! o' this be sure,
Since you've been false to me, Mary;
For a' the world I'd not endure
Half what I've done for thee, Mary.





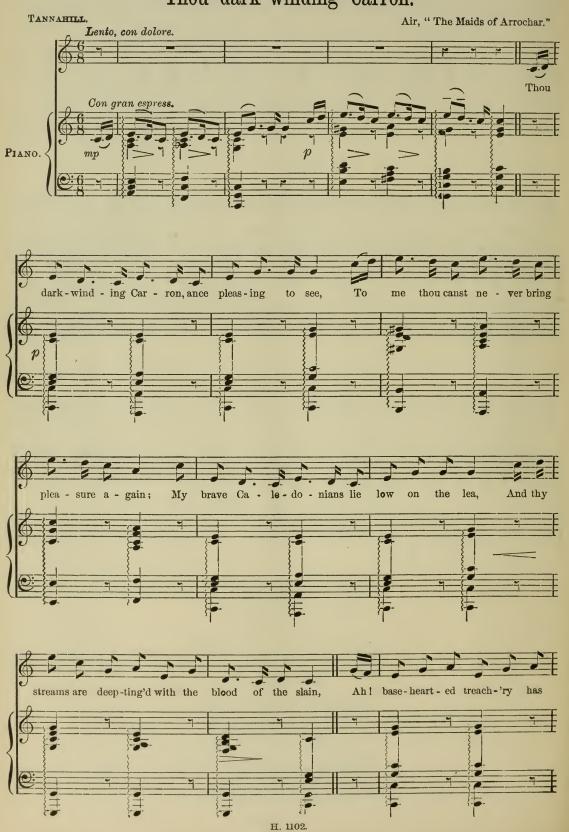
Far ben thy dark green plantings' shade,
The cushat croodles am'rously;
The mavis, down thy bughted glade,
Gars echo ring frae ev'ry tree.
Thou bonnie wood, &c.

Awa! ye thoughtless, murd'ring gang,
Wha tear the nestlings ere they flee!
They'll sing you yet a canty sang,
Then, O in pity let them be!
Thou bonnie wood, &c.

When winter blows in sleety showers Frae aff the Norlan hills sae hie, He lightly skiffs thy bonnie bowers, As laith to harm a flower in thee. Thou bonnie wood, &c.

Though fate should drag me south the line, Or o'er the wide Atlantic sea, The happy hours I'll ever mind, That I in youth ha'e spent in thee. Thou bonnie wood, &c.

Thou dark-winding Carron.

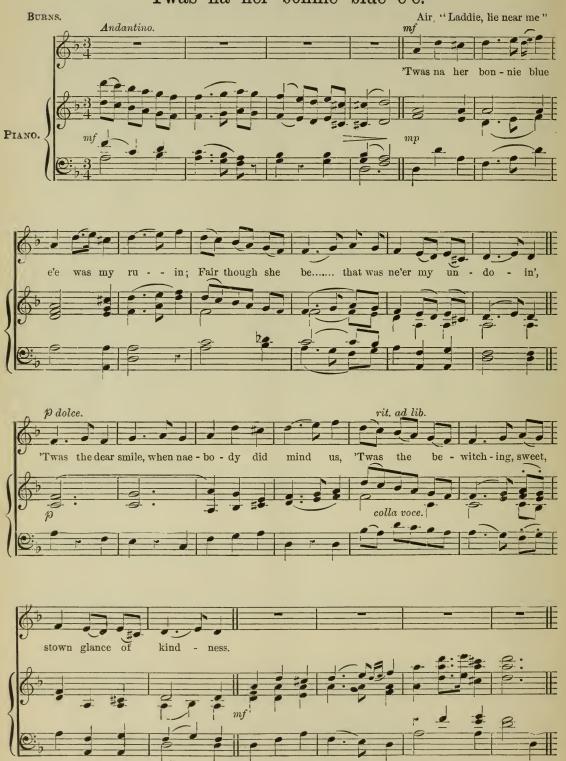




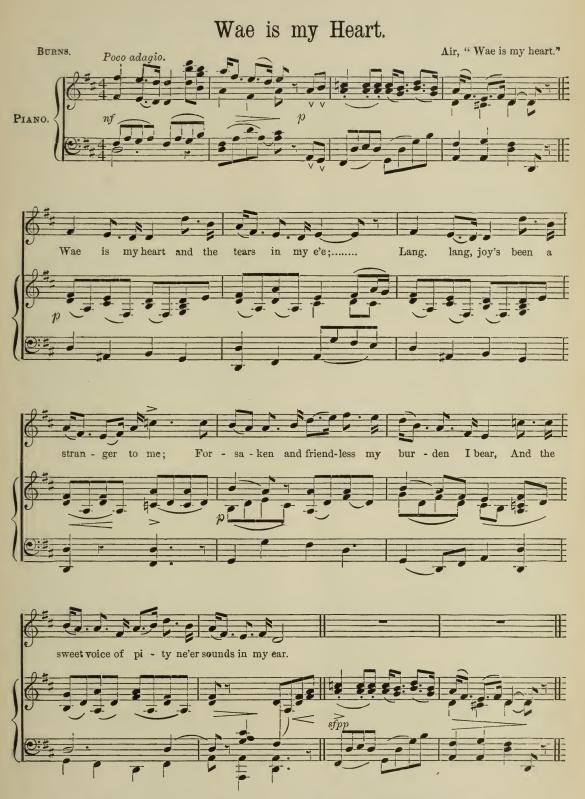
Farewell! ye dear partners of peril, farewell!
Though buried ye lie in one wide bloody grave,
Your deeds shall ennoble the place where you fell,
And your names be enrolled with the sons of the brave!

But I, a poor outcast, in exile must wander;
Perhaps, like a traitor, ignobly must die:
On thy wrongs, O my country, indignant—I ponder;
Ah! woe to the hour when thy Wallace must fly.

'Twas na her bonnie blue e'e.



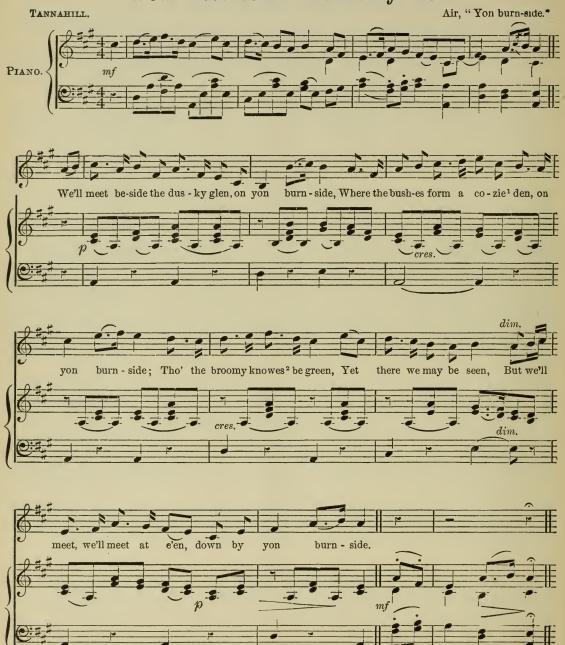
Sair do I fear that to hope is denied me, Sair do I fear that despair maun abide me; But though fell fortune should fate us to sever, Queen shall she be in my bosom for ever. Mary, I'm thine wi' a passion sincerest, And thou hast plighted me love o' the dearest! And thou'rt the angel that never can alter; Sooner the sun in his motion shall falter.



Love, thou hast pleasures, and deep ha'e I loved: Love, thou hast sorrows, and sair ha'e I proved; But this bruised heart that now bleeds in my breast, I can feel by its throbbings will soon be at rest.

Oh, if I were where happy I ha'e been, Down by yon stream and yon bonnie castle-green; For there he is wandering, and musing on me, Wha wad soon dry the tear frae his Phillis's e'e.

We'll meet beside the Dusky Glen.



I'll lead thee to the birken bower, on yon burn-side, Sae sweetly wove wi' woodbine flower, on yon burn-

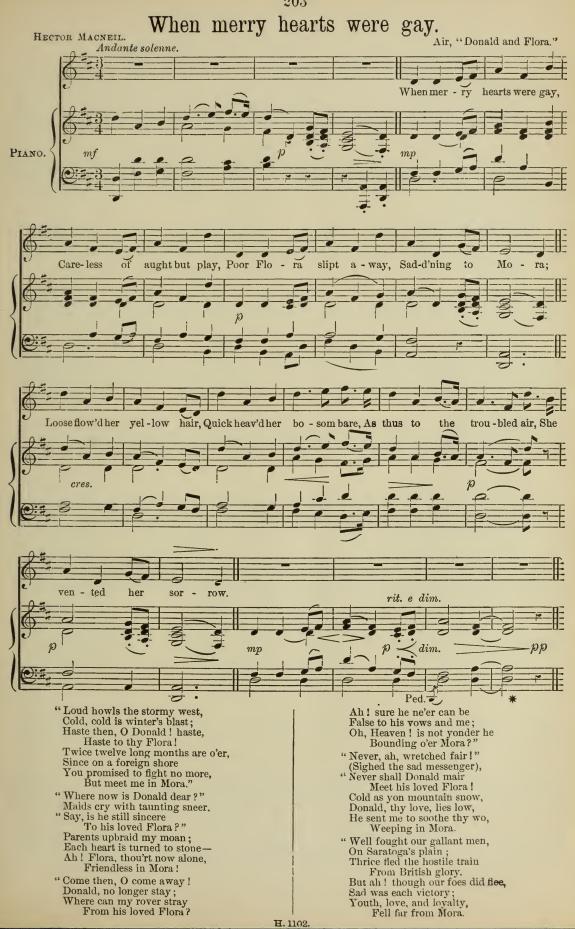
side;
There the mavis we will hear.
And the blackbird singin' clear, As on my arm ye lean, down by yon burn-side. Awa', ye rude unfeeling crew, frae yon burn-side; Those fairy scenes are no' for you, by yon burn-side, There fancy smooths her theme,

By the sweetly murmuring stream, And the rock-lodged echoes skim, down by you

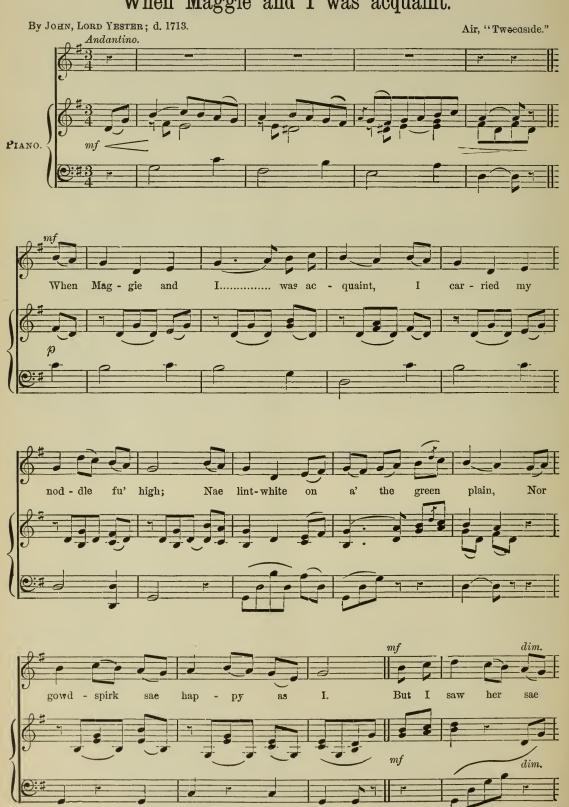
Now the plantin' taps are tinged wi' gowd, on yon burn-side,
And gloamin' a draws her foggy shroud o'er yon burn-side,
Far frae the noisy scene,
I'll through the fields alane;

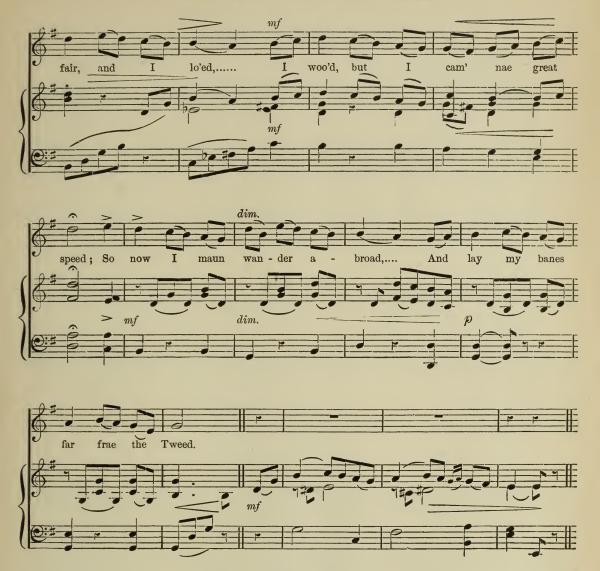
There we'll meet, my ain dear Jean! down by yon burn-side.

1 Warm, snug. ² Hillocks. 3 Twilight.



When Maggie and I was acquaint.





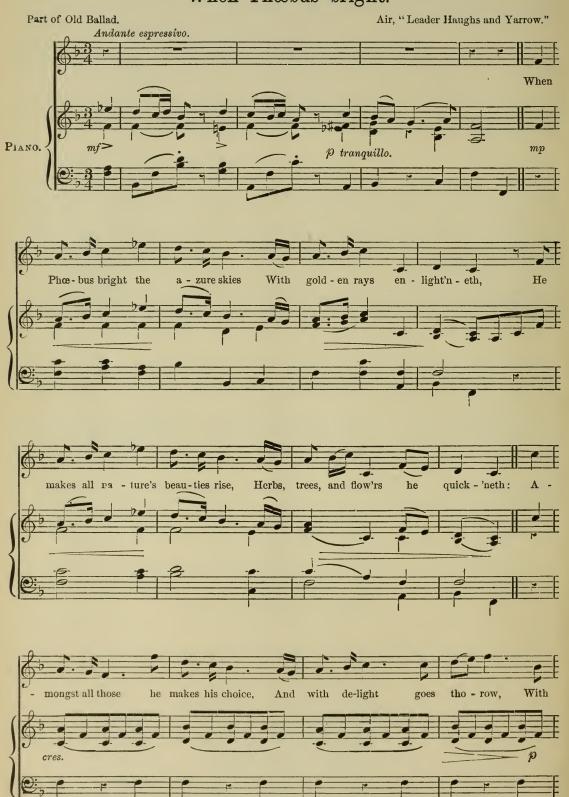
To Maggie my love I did tell,—
Saut tears did my passion express;
Alas! for I lo'ed her o'er well,
And the women lo'e sic a man less.
Her heart it was frozen and cauld,
Her pride had my ruin decreed;
Therefore I will wander abroad,
And lay my banes far frae the Tweed.

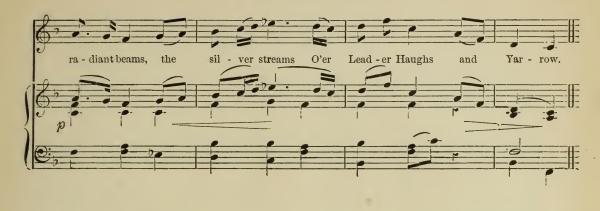
CRAWFORD'S VERSION.

What beauties doth Flora disclose!
How sweet are her smiles upon Tweed!
Yet Mary's, still sweeter than those,
Both nature and fancy exceed.
Nor daisy, nor sweet blushing rose,
Nor all the gay flowers of the field,
Nor Tweed gliding gently through those,
Such beauty and pleasure do yield.

The warblers are heard in the grove,
The linnet, the lark, and the thrush,
The blackbird, and sweet-cooing dove,
With music enchant every bush.
Come, let us go forth to the mead,
Let us see how the primroses spring;
We'll lodge in some village on Tweed,
And love while the feathered folks sirg.

When Phœbus bright.







When Aries the day and night
In equal length divideth,
Auld frosty Saturn takes his flight,
Nae langer he abideth;
Then Flora, queen, with mantle green,
Casts off her former sorrow.
And vows to dwell with Ceres' sel',
On Leader Haughs and Yarrow.

Pan playing on his aiten reed,
And shepherds him attending,
Do here resort their flocks to feed,
The hills and haughs commending.
With cur and kent 1 upon the bent,
Sing to the sun good-morrow,
And swear nae fields mair pleasure yields
Than Leader Haughs and Yarrow.

An house there stands on Leader-side,
Surmounting my descriving,
With rooms sae rair, and windows fair,
Like Daedalus' contriving;
Men passing by do often cry,
"In sooth it hath nae marrow,
It stands as sweet on Leader-side
As Newark does on Yarrow"

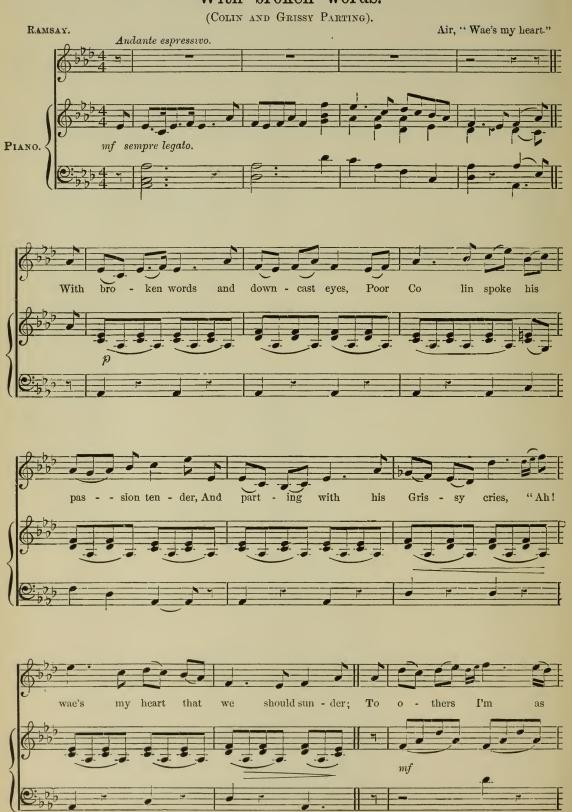
A mile below, wha lists to ride,
They'll hear the mavis singing,
Into Saint Leonard's banks she'll bide,
Sweet birks her head o'erhanging;
The lint-white 2 loud, and Progne proud,

With tuneful throats and marrow Into Saint Leonard's banks they sing As sweetly as on Yarrow.

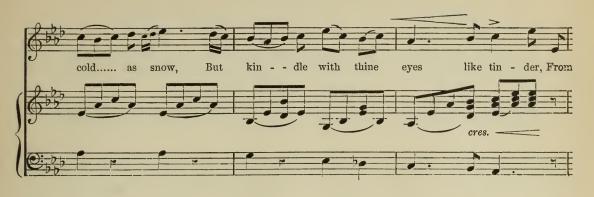
The lapwing lilteth o'er the lea,
With nimble wing she sporteth,
But vows she'll flee frae tree to tree,
Where Philomel resorteth;
By break of day the lark can say,
I'll bid you a good morrow,
I'll streek my wing, and, mounting, sing
O'er Leader Haughs and Yarrow.

¹ Shepherd's staff ² Linnet.

With broken words.



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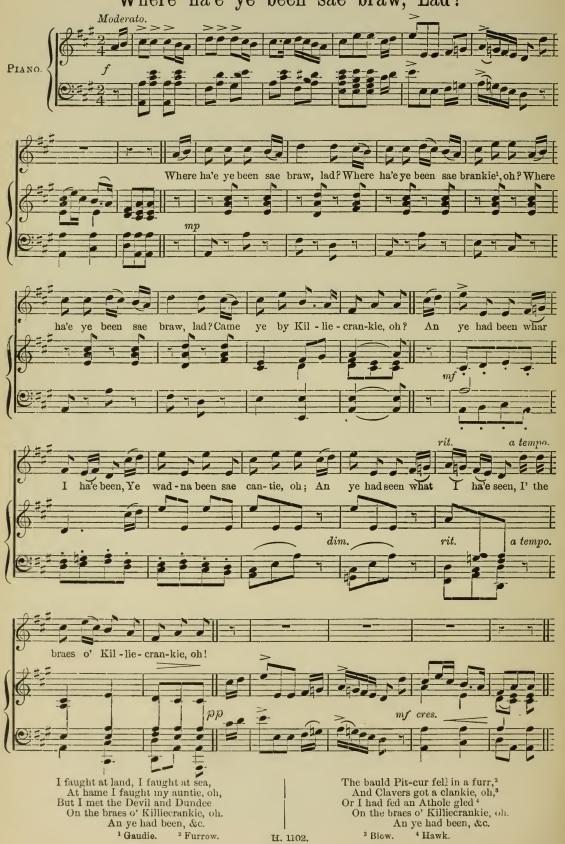


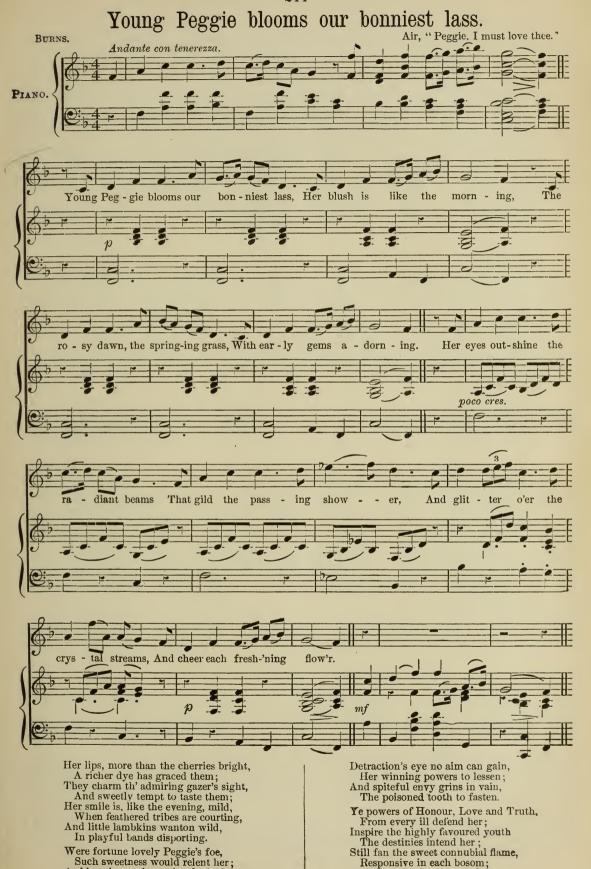


"Chained to thy charms I cannot range,
No beauty new my love shall hinder,
Nor time nor place shall ever change
My vows, tho' we're obliged to sunder;
The image of thy graceful air,
And beauties which invite our wonder,
Thy lively wit, and prudence rare,
Shall still be present, tho' we sunder."

"Dear nymph, believe thy swain in this,
You'll ne'er engage a heart that's kinder;
Then seal the promise with a kiss,
Always to love me, tho' we sunder.
Ye gods, take care of my dear lass,
That as I leave her I may find her;
When that blest time shall come to pass,
We'll meet again, and never sunder."





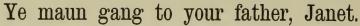


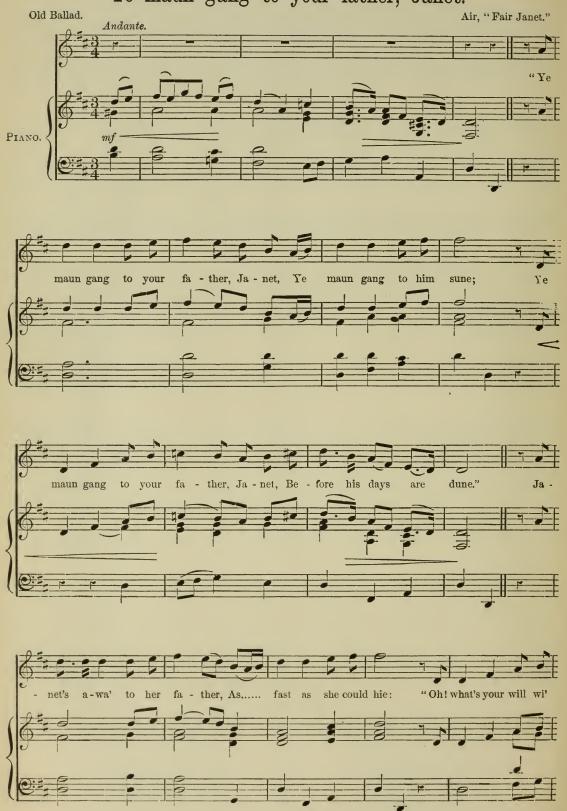
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As blooming spring unbends the brow Of surly, savage winter.

Still fan the sweet connubial flame, Responsive in each bosom;

And bless the dear parental name
With many a filial blossom.





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"My will wi' you, fair Janet," he said,
"It is baith bed and board;
Some say that ye lo'e sweet Willie,
But ye maun wed a French lord."

Janet's awa' to her chamber,
As fast as she could go;
Wha's the first ane that tapped there
But sweet Willie, her jo?

"O we maun part this love, Willie,
That has been lang between;
There's a French lord coming o'er the sea
To wed me wi' a ring."

Willie he was scarce awa',
And the lady put to bed;
When in and came her father dear,
"Make haste, and busk the bride!"

"There's a sair pain in my head, father:
There's a sair pain in my side;
And ill, O ill am I, father,
This day for to be a bride."

"O, ye maun busk this bonnie bride, And put a gay mantle on; For she shall wed this auld French lord, Gin 1 she should die the morn."

Some put on the gay green robes,
And some put on the brown;
But Janet put on the scarlet robes,
To shine foremost through the town.

And some they mounted the black steed,
And some they mounted the brown,
But Janet mounted the milk white steed,
To ride foremost through the town.

"O wha will guide your horse, Janet?
O wha will guide him best?"

"O wha but Willie, my true love; He kens I lo'e him best."

And when they cam' to Marie's Kirk,
To tye the haly ban',
Fair Janet's face looked pale and wan',
And her colour gaed and cam'.

When dinner it was past and done, And dancing to begin,

"O, we'll go take the bride's maidens, And we'll go fill the ring."

O, ben then cam' the auld French lord,
Saying, "Bride, will ye dance wi' me?"
"Awa' awa' ye guld French lord

"Awa', awa', ye auld French lord, Your face I downa ² see."

O, ben then cam' now sweet Willie, Saying, "Bride, will ye dance wi' me?" "Ay, by my sooth, and that I will, Gin my back should break in three."

She hadna turned her thro' the dance.

Thro' the dance but thrice,

When she fell down at Willie's feet,

And up did never rise.

Willie's ta'en the key o' his coffer,
And gi'en it to his man,
"Gae hame, and tell my mother de

"Gae hame, and tell my mother dear, My horse he has me slain."

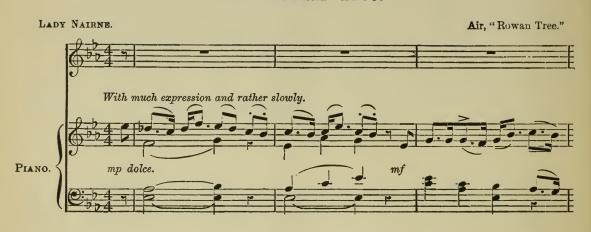
The tane ³ was buried in Marie's Kirk, And the tither ⁴ in Marie's quier; Out of the tane there grew a birk, And the tither, a bonnie brier.

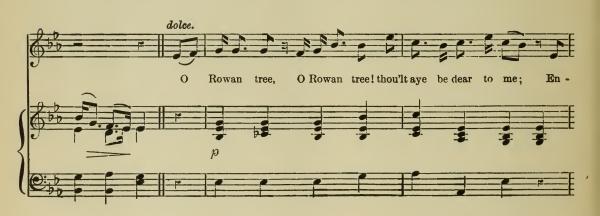
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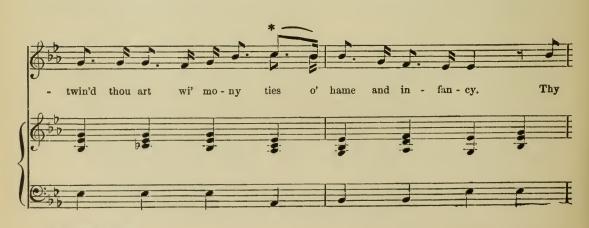
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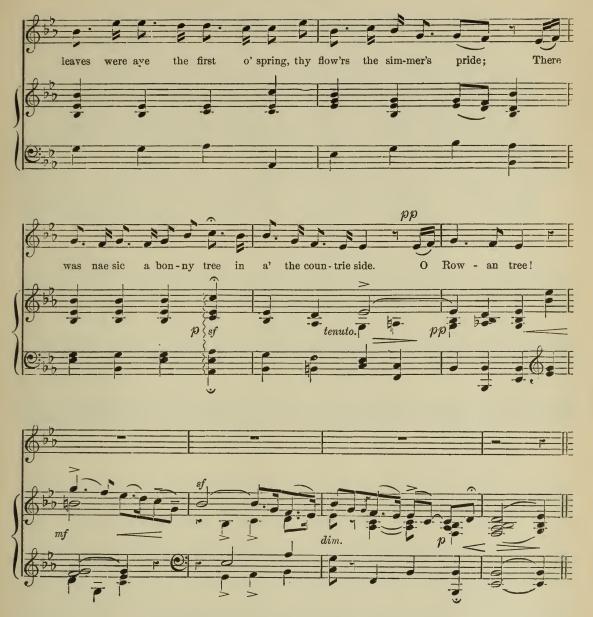
The Rowan Tree.







^{*} In verse 4 only.



How fair wert thou in simmer time, wi' a' thy clusters white,
How rich and gay thy autumn dress, wi' berries red and bright.
On thy fair stem were mony names, which now nae mair I see,
But they're engraven on my heart—forgot they ne'er can be!

O Rowan tree!

We sat aneath thy spreading shade, the bairnies round thee ran, They pu'd thy bonny berries red, and necklaces they strang. My mother! Oh! I see her still, she smil'd our sports to see, Wi' little Jeanie on her lap, wi' Jamie at her knee!

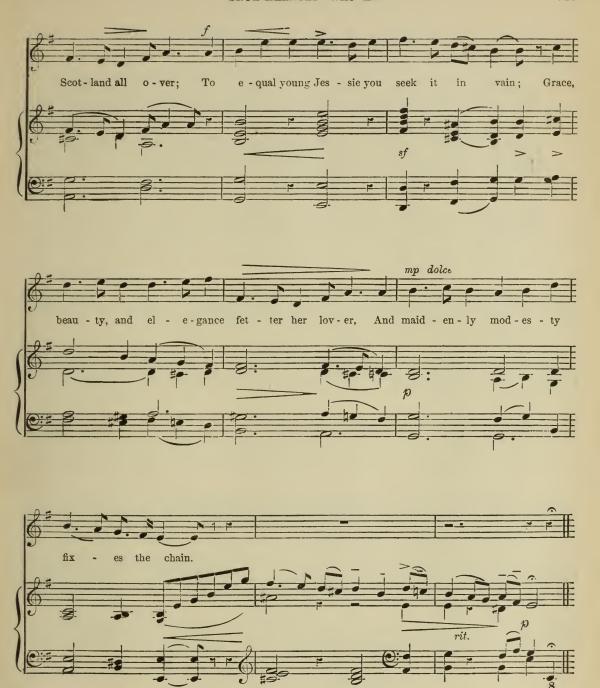
O Rowan tree!

Oh! there arose my father's prayer, in holy evening's calm, How sweet was then my mother's voice, in the Martyr's psalm; Now a' are gane! we meet nae mair aneath the Rowan tree; But hallowed thoughts around thee twine o' hame and infancy.

O Rowan tree!



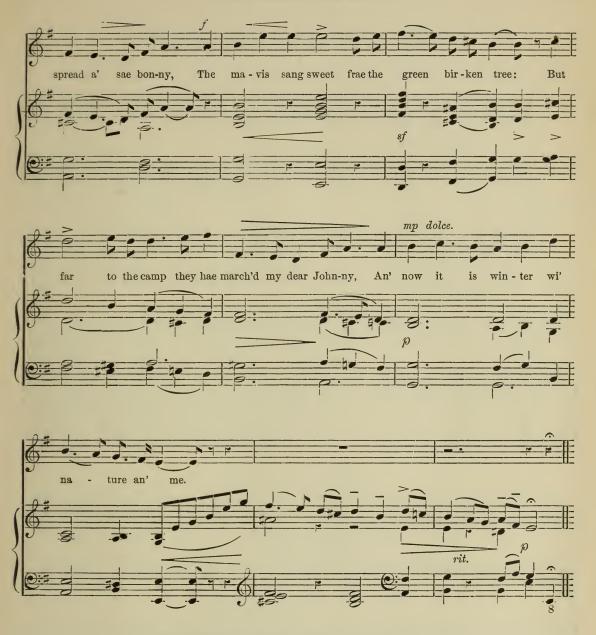
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Oh! fresh is the rose in the gay dewy morning,
And sweet is the lily at evening close;
But in the fair presence o' lovely young Jessie,
Unseen is the lily, unheeded the rose.
Love sits in her smile, a wizard ensnaring,
Enthroned in her een, he delivers his law,
And still to her charms she alone is a stranger!
Her modest demeanour's the jewel of a'.



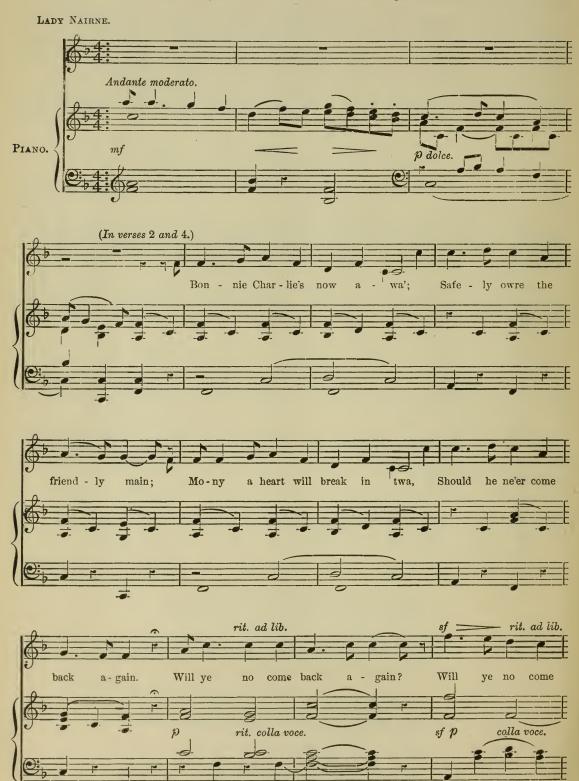
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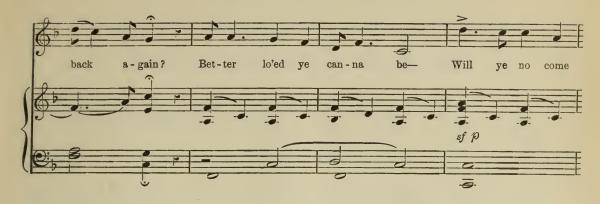
Then ilk thing around us was blythsome an' cinery;
Then ilk thing around us was bonny an' braw;
Now naething is heard but the wind whistling dreary,
An' naething is seen but the wide-spreading snaw.
The trees are a' bare, an' the birds mute an' dowie,
They shake the cauld drift frae their wings as they flee,
An' chirp out their plaints, seeming wae for my Johnny;
'Tis winter wi' them, an' 'tis winter wi' me.

You cauld sleety cloud skiffs alang the bleak mountain,
An' shakes the dark firs on the stey rocky brae;
While down the deep glen bawls the snaw-flooded fountain,
That murmur'd sae sweet to my laddie an' me;
'Tis no its loud roar on the wintry win' swelling;
It's no the cauld blast brings the tears i' my e'e
For, O! gin I saw but my bonny Scotch callan
The dark days e' winter were simmer to me.

Will ye no come back again?



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Ye trusted in your Hieland men, They trusted you, dear Charlie! They kent your hiding in the glen, Death or exile braving.

> Will ye no come back again? Will ye no come back again? Better lo'ed ye canna be— Will ye no come back again?

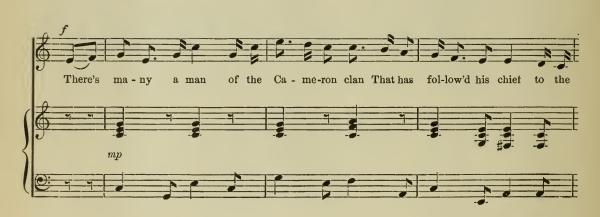
English bribes were a' in vain,
Tho' puir, and puirer, we maun be;
Siller canna buy the heart
That beats aye for thine and thee.
Will ye no come back, &c.

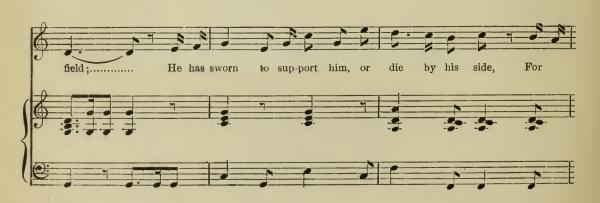
We watched thee in the gloaming hour,
We watched thee in the morning grey;
Tho' thirty thousand pound they gie,
Oh, there is nane that wad betray!
Will ye no come back, &c.

Sweet's the laverock's note and lang,
Lilting wildly up the glen;
But aye to me he sings ae sang:—
"Will ye no come back again?"
Will ye no come back, &c.

The March of the Cameron men.

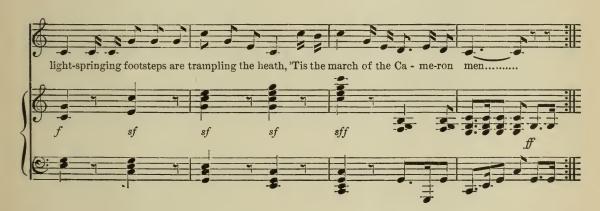












O proudly they walk, but each Cameron knows
He may tread on the heather no more;
But boldly he follows his chief to the field,
Where his laurels were gather'd before.
I hear the pibroch sounding, &c.

The moon has arisen, it shines on that path

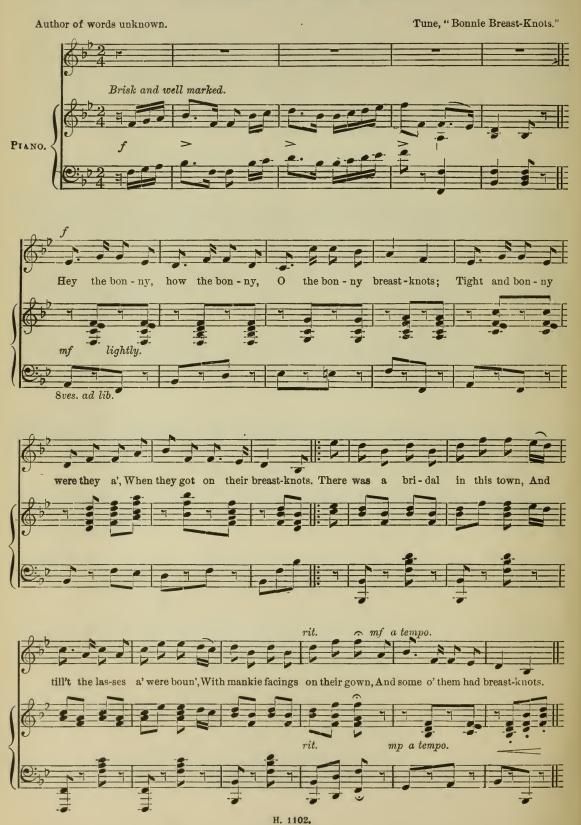
Now trod by the gallant and true—

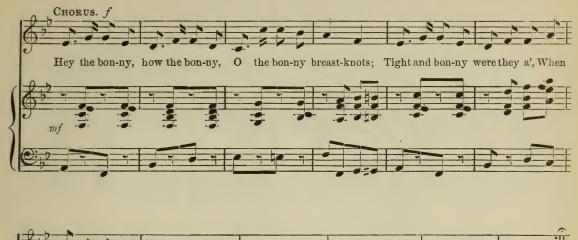
High, high are their hopes, for their chieftain has said

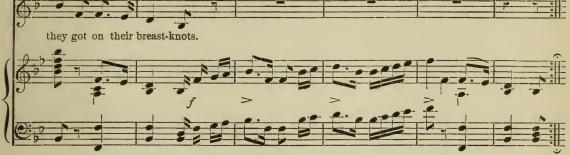
That whatever men dare, they can do.

I hear the pibroch sounding, &c.

The bonnie Breast-Knots.







At nine o'clock the lads conveen, Some clad in blue, some clad in green, Wi' glancin buckles in their sheen, And flowers upon their waistcoats. Hey the bonny, &c.

Forth came the wives a' wi' a phrase, And wish'd the lassie happy days, And muckle thought they o' her claise, And 'specially the breast-knots.

Hey the bonny, &c.

Next, down their breakfast it was set, Some barley-lippies of milk-meat, It leiped them, it was sae het, As soon as they did taste o't.

Hey the bonny, &c.

When ilka ane had claw'd their plate, The piper lad he looked blate; Altho' they said that he should eat, I trow he lost the best o't.

Hey the bonny, &c.

Syne forth they got a' wi' a loup, O'er creels, and deals and a', did coup, Cry'd for a spring to raise their houp, The bride she sought the breast-knot. Hey the bonny, &c.

Fan they ty'd up their marriage band, At the bridegroom's they neist did land, Forth came auld Madge wi' her split mawn, And bread and cheese a hist o't.

Hey the bonny, &c.

She took a quarter and a third, And on the bride's head gae a gird, Till farls flew athort the yird, And parted round the rest o't.

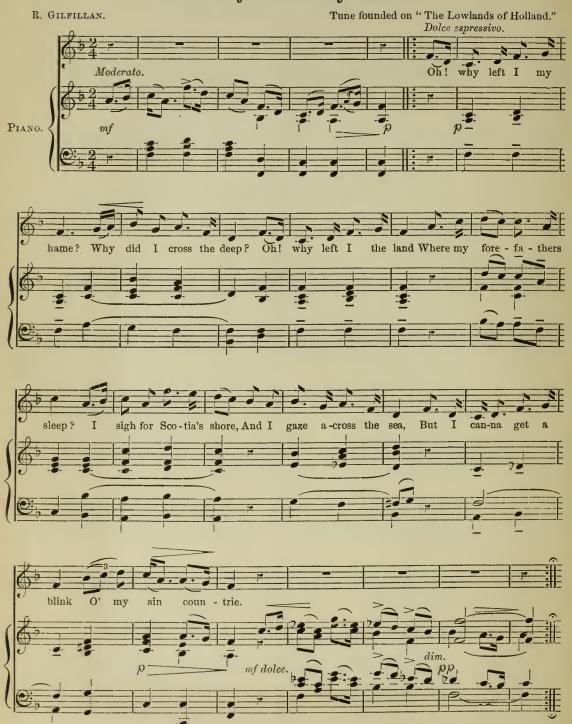
Hey the bonny, &c.

The bride then by the hand they took, Twice, thrice they led her round the crook, Some said, goodwife, weel mat ye brook, And some great count they cast not.

Hey the bonny, &c.

A' ran to kilns and barns in ranks, Some sat on deals, and some on planks, The piper lad stood on his shanks, And dirled up the breast-knot. Hey the bonny, &c.

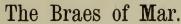
Oh! why left I my hame?

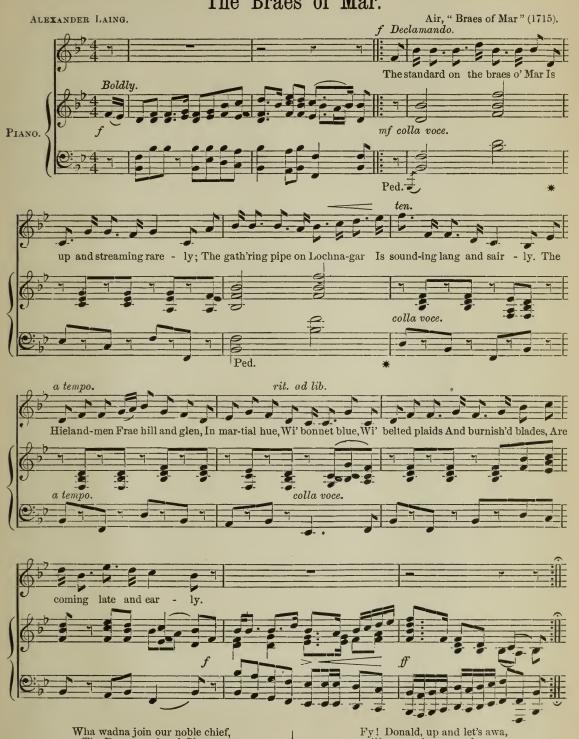


The palm tree waveth high And fair the myrtle springs, And to the Indian maid The bulbul sweetly sings; But I dinna see the broom Wi' its tassels on the lea, Nor hear the lintie's sang O' my ain countrie.

Oh! here no Sabbath bell
Awakes the Sabbath morn,
Nor song of reapers heard
Amang the yellow corn:
For the tyrant's voice is here
And the wail of slaverie;
But the sun of freedom shines
In my ain countrie.

There's a hope for every woe, And a balm for every pain; But the first joys of our heart Come never back again. There's a track upon the deep And a path across the sea, But the weary ne'er return To their ain countrie.





Wha wadna join our noble chief,
The Drummond and Glengary,
Macgregor, Murray, Rollo, Keith,
Panmure, and gallant Harry.
Macdonald's men,
Clan-Ronald's men,
Mackenzie's men,
Macgillvary's men,
Strathallan's men,
The lowlan' men,
Of Callendar and Airly.

Fy! Donald, up and let's awa,
We canna longer parley,
When Jamie's back is at the wa'
The lad we lo'e sae dearly.
We'll go—we'll go
An' meet the foe,
An' fling the plaid,
An' swing the blade,
An' forward dash.
An' hack an' slash—
An' fleg the German carlie.



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